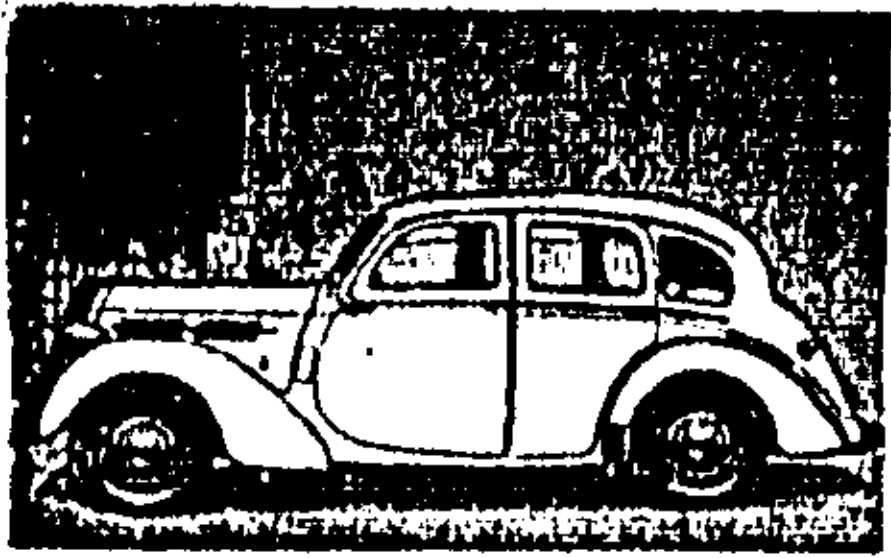


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CHAMBERLAIN'S GESTURE IS APPLAUDED IN L'DON

LANCASHIRE'S "WORST YEAR"

LONDON, Feb. 7.
LAST YEAR was the worst for Lancashire cotton and piece-goods exports for 90 years, and the worst for yarn exports, apart from the war years, since the cotton famine in the early 60's.

This description is contained in the report of the Joint Committee of the Cotton Trade Organisations.

The output of cotton yarn fell by 22 per cent., piece-goods by 25 per cent., and yarn exports by 28 per cent. compared with 1937.

The fall in the output of piece-goods for the home market was almost as great. British trade in piece-goods increased in only four markets, notably Hongkong, where this was largely due to the diversion of trade from Chinese ports.

Exports to China and Hongkong, taken together, rose by 18 per cent.—*Reuter*.

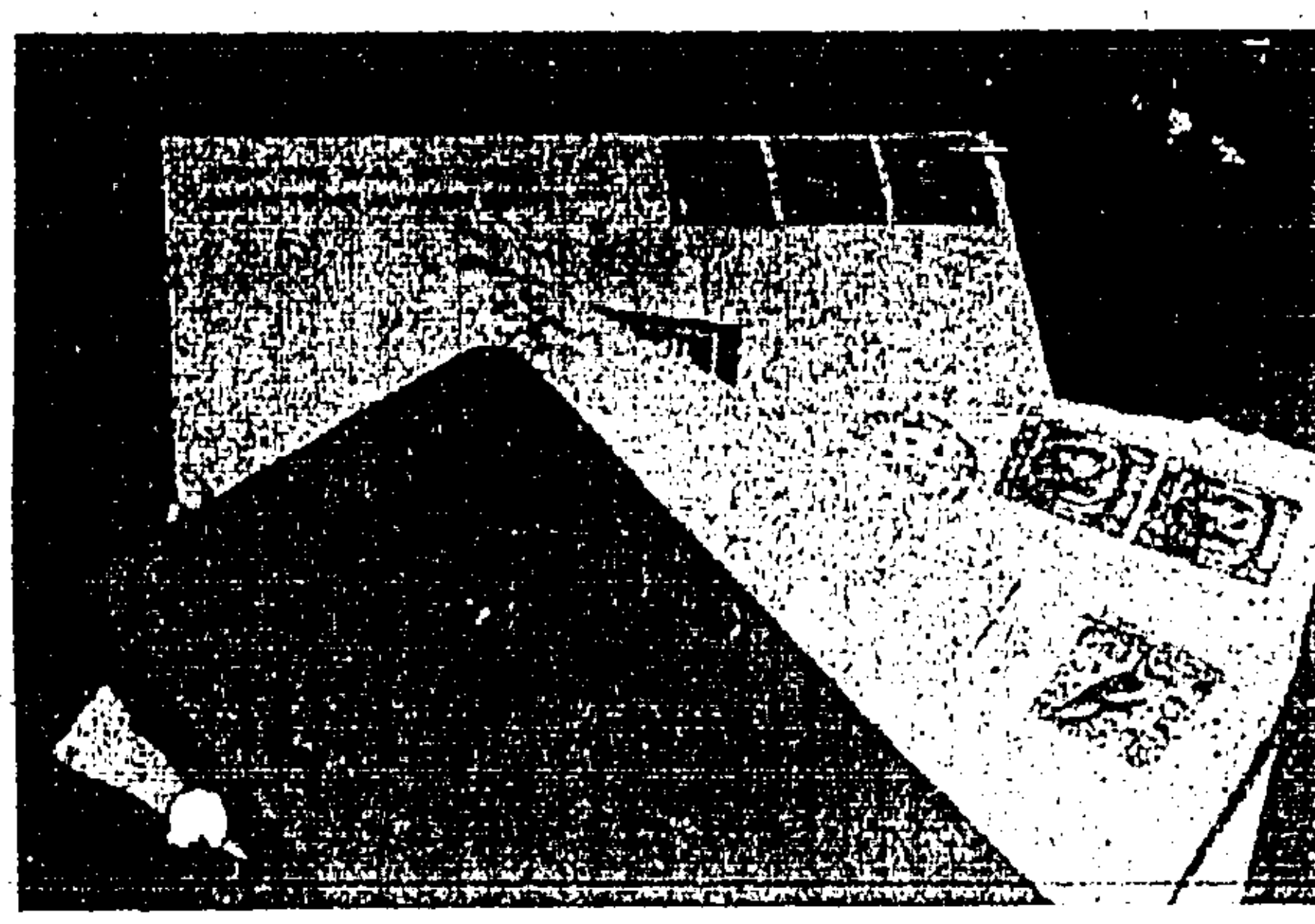
BRITISH SOLIDARITY WITH FRANCE ON FIRM BASIS

LONDON, Feb. 7.

THE EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY adjournment of the House of Commons yesterday prevented crystallisation of parliamentary opinion regarding Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of British solidarity with France.

To-day, opinion was readily available, and it was obvious from the comments of representative men of all sections of the House of Commons that the declaration received general approval.

In effect, the various opinions expressed is that in view of the doubts which appear still to exist in some countries regarding the attitude of the British Government in the circumstances envisaged in yesterday's question, Mr. Chamberlain's announcement had to be made without further delay, and in the opinion of some, it was months overdue.



ENVELOPES LIKE THESE are common in England. Included in the air mail of a local resident last week was an envelope on which were the words "Stop the War in China: Refuse to Buy Japanese Goods."—*Staff Photographer*.

PALESTINE TALKS OPEN WITH FELICITATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A FELICITOUS SPEECH in reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain was made by Prince Saif Ullislam Al Hussein at the opening of the Palestine talks to-day.

The Prince thanked the British Government for the part it had played in the service of truth and peace.

He said he was unable to speak Mr. Chamberlain's language, but there was a more sublime vehicle, namely sincerity, in their hearts.

The superb spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain had solved intricate problems in recent international affairs, and which was manifested in Mr. Chamberlain's address, was one on which they largely depended for a solution of the Palestine questions.

CONCERN OF ALL MUSLIMS

Those problems had become the general concern of every Arab heart, and of every Muslim in the world.

The representative of Yemen said they admired the sublime spirit which inspired Mr. Chamberlain's wonderful solutions of modern problems, and in the name of humanity, truth and justice, Yemen wished him every success in his wise policy.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the restraint which had generally been shown by the Jewish community during a period of extreme difficulty and danger in Palestine. He repeated that the aims and objects were not represented at the morning's talks. They had reached a deadlock with the Mufti Party regarding representation. The Nashashibi delegates will remain and will be Mr. Malcolm MacDonald frequently as consultants.

STATEMENT ON DEADLOCK

An official statement on the deadlock states that the efforts created by one of the Arab delegation were being continued. Meanwhile the meeting between the British representatives and the Arabs, in which the Arabs are to outline their case, has been postponed in a further effort to define the Arab representations.

The talks are expected to open their case to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

M.P.'s Told Of China Affairs

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Dr. Chang Peng-chun to-day addressed a largely-attended meeting of the China Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons.

Dr. Chang dealt fully with the prospects of China in the new phase of the war, which he said, was about to begin.

He added that hitherto, China had been fighting on the defensive. The Japanese had failed everywhere to round up and exterminate the Chinese armies, and China now had far more men under arms than at the beginning of the war. They had also been tempered by fighting.

Describing the character of the offensive planned in the coming months, Dr. Chang dealt with the international position, and pointed out that Japan had lost in force, rather than gained by entering China.

Dr. Chang's speech appeared to make a deep impression, and he was warmly applauded at the conclusion.—*Reuter*.

Guerillas Stop Rail Traffic

Peking, Feb. 7.

Railway traffic between Peking and Tientsin has been interrupted by the blowing-up of a bridge near the scene of a train-wreck which occurred last month.

Damage is reported to be serious, and it may be necessary to rebuild the bridge.—*Reuter*.

DEMOCRACY'S LINE-UP

The view is taken by nearly all parliamentarians that the statement is a proper complement to the more definite clarification of American opinion which has been visible lately.

The Labour opposition go even further, and urge that a step should be taken to secure closer relations between all the democratic nations, especially with the United States.

Widespread satisfaction is expressed that this gesture has been made to France now, and the strengthening of relations with France is consequently treated as an inevitable result.

In Government back-bench quarters, which recently have been highly critical of the Government's policy, there is an unqualified chorus of approval.

OPPOSITION APPLAUDS

The best evidence that the statement had a substantially good parliamentary effect is found in the decision of the opposition not to pursue the matter for the present.

Recently they had been pursuing every Government declaration with the greatest energy.—*Reuter*.

Disgruntled Railway Workers' Sabotage

New York, Feb. 7.

A group of railway workers, faced with discharge, threw one of the city's underground systems in complete chaos at the height of the morning rush to-day.

The men pulled communication cords, prevented giving the all-clear signals, and abandoned loaded trains at the stations.

Thousands of suburban travellers going to work were delayed by the demonstration.

In one instance, several uniformed employees "kidnapped" an empty train and drove across the points at an important junction, blocking all traffic.—*Reuter*.

British Credits To China

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he was in a position to make a further statement on the granting of additional credits to facilitate trade with China, and whether steps are to be taken within the scope of the Export Credit Bill, or in addition to the new powers sought therein, Mr. R. S. Hudson said he was not in a position to make a further statement.

The scope of the Export Credit Bill depends on the circumstances of the particular case.—*Reuter*.

Henshaw On Return Flight From Cape

Capetown, Feb. 7.

Alex Henshaw, who took off from Gravesend on Sunday in an attempt to fly to Capetown and back in four days, left at 10 p.m. G.M.T., to-day on the return flight to England.

Henshaw disembarked the outward flight at Johannesburg, and the return flight at Capetown, where he was met by a large party of officials and military leaders, most of whom have experienced "severe" bombing in Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, and on many other fronts.

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CHUNGKING CIVILIANS EVACUATE

**Protection Against
Terror Air Raids**

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7.

IN VIEW OF the possible indiscriminate bombing of Chungking like that of Kwei-yang and Wanhsien, the forcible evacuation of civilians is continuing.

Wives and children of government officials are classed as civilians.

The police have assisted all houses and shops to place a number of sand-bags in the front entrances to "extinguish" flames. Dug-outs are being constructed in all open grounds and many private gardens.

The population of Chungking, which was 600,000 after the fall of Hankow, will soon be reduced to 300,000.

LEAVE AT DAYBREAK

A thousand women, children and old men are regularly taking refuge in the suburbs every day. They leave the city at daybreak for the various mountainside spring resorts and rivers for safety, and return in the evening for dinner.

Buses, horses, donkeys, sedan chairs, sampans and rickshaws are seen making good money every day transporting the refugees back and forth.

All houses and hotels in the famous hot-spring resorts and nearby towns are filled to capacity.

New "Air Defence" residential houses are being built for the rich.

FOREIGNERS UNPERTURBED

Chinese business circles particularly are worrying, but the foreign community here, estimated at 400, appear to be unperturbed.

Representatives of the Soviet "Asia Motion Picture Trust" are as busy as usual posting the streets with big advertisements, while the Chungking offices of the United Aircraft and Du Pont are carrying on business as usual, not even thinking it necessary to take precautionary measures.

The same quiet appears among Chinese Government officials and military leaders, most of whom have experienced "severe" bombing in Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, and on many other fronts.

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COLN ELLSWORTH

8,000 Miles Of Polar Land Is Discovered

HOBBART, Feb. 7.

A FULL REPORT OF THE discoveries in Antarctica by Lincoln Ellsworth, famous American explorer, and Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Australian, has now been made.

Eighty thousand miles of country never seen before by human eyes have been added to the world's surface, and have been claimed by Ellsworth on behalf of the United States.

From the fringe of the Antarctic Ellsworth flew south to a point where he could see as far as latitude 74.30 south from his position on longitude 79 east. His altitude in flight was nearly 12,000ft. and visibility was perfect. He could see at least 150 miles on each side of the plane.

In all this area not a mountain range nor a speck of bare land showed.

"After leaving the hills of the coastal belt that thrust their dark, snow-free tops through the barriers of the whole area as far south as we could see, slopes gradually rose upward to an altitude of approximately 11,500ft. and continued on to the Pole," Ellsworth reported.

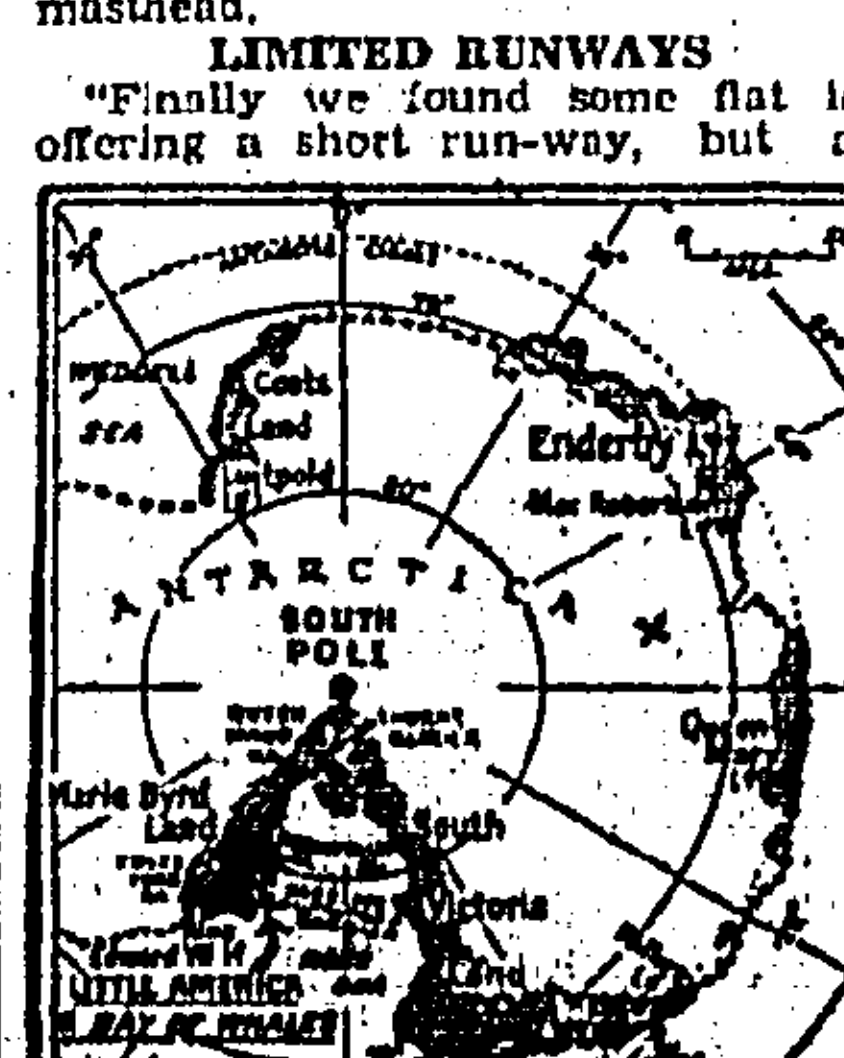
"It took our ship five hours to reach the spot from which we took off. The ship was constantly endangered by icebergs which threatened to topple over and sink us. Ugly rocks poked up ahead, sometimes others were a few inches below the surface and only visible from the masthead.

LIMITED RUNWAYS

"Finally we found some flat ice offering a short run-way, but an

The cross marks approximately where new land has been surveyed from the air. Other known land in the Antarctic zone is shaded.

Earlier wind arose of almost gale force, rendering the ship almost helpless. Then a heavy shower descended. (Continued on Page 4)



REICH COMPLETES BIG DEFENCES ON WEST FRONT

BERLIN, Feb. 7.

RECENT INVESTIGATIONS by German military authorities have revealed that 20 per cent. of the German iron and steel industry and 10 per cent. of the coal mines lie within range of French artillery. Moreover, about five million Germans live in this exposed frontier section.

One of the paragraphs in the Treaty of Versailles stipulated that all of the German fortifications should be destroyed, and that a demilitarised zone in which no German soldier was allowed to set foot should be established along the entire western frontier to a depth of 25 miles east of the Rhine. With the re-occupation of the Rhineland in 1936 the process of re-creating this defenceless condition was begun, but the progress during the next two years was entirely inadequate for protecting the Reich against invasion or guaranteeing an adequate defence.

SYSTEM OF FORTS

Since no modern military commander would think of sending his infantry to storm positions that had not previously been reduced to ruins through destructive artillery fire, tanks and bombing planes, the first and foremost task was to secure the western frontier against these weapons.

The requirements were threefold:

1. The individual forts and bastions had to be so heavily armed that they would withstand endless pounding from the enemy artillery.
2. Adequate barriers and obstacles had to be erected to prevent the tanks of the aggressor, including the large ones and also the so-called amphibian tanks, from reaching the actual firing lines.
3. The entire system had to be secured against air attacks through concealment.

CONTINUOUS LINE

In conformity with the most modern experience and theory in the construction of defence fortifications, the German Maginot Line is not a continuous, connected series but composed of a number of individual forts or bastions of which each is an independent, self-sufficient unit.

Nor is this system, confined to a narrow line of forts along the frontier, but comprises a wide, fortified zone between 30 and 45 miles in depth.

Through this extraordinary depth it is planned that should the enemy succeed, against all expectation, in reaching and taking the foremost fortifications, he would be subject to the concentrated fire of the batteries to the rear and would be even more liable to destruction since the advance from this point would have to take place in smaller, divided groups.

The chess-board arrangement of the bastions and forts would compel the enemy to break up his forces, and in the further advance he would constantly stumble upon the new fire-throwing forts which had lain hidden from view and had remained silent until the most auspicious moment of attack was at hand.

ANTI-TANK MEASURES

The first condition for any advance is that the advancing tanks should succeed in breaking down every obstacle in order to pave the way for the other forces. In order to prevent this, line of tank barriers designed according to the latest data has been laid along the entire frontier.

The most outstanding among these is the "hump barrier," which is so constructed that its concrete teeth will hold up the progress of the tank, and should an attempt be made to climb over, the tank will be held up long enough for the concealed artillery to do its work.

Another obstacle undisputed in its effectiveness is the series of pits up to 130 feet wide, very deep, and filled with running water.

Special barriers have been erected for amphibian tanks, it being assumed in military circles that they will form one of the most formidable weapons of the future.

Tanks as well as advancing infantry will meet with a most effective barrier in the securely anchored barbed-wire entanglements, which cover many miles in irregularly placed zones.

GAS-PROOF FORTS

The principal defence strength of the fortifications lies, however, in the armoured concrete bastions and forts which form the nucleus of the entire system.

Walls, floors, and ceilings are gas-proof, and the interior is completely air-tight. The forts are so constructed that they can withstand the heaviest bombardment without being damaged.

EFFORT TO END WAR IN SPAIN

"Mediterranean
Munich" Sequel Feared

LONDON, Feb. 7.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE are exerting all their strength to prevent the collapse of the Spanish Loyalists turning into a strategic disaster for the British and French empires.

With the badly shaken Loyalists taking refuge in France, the British and French authorities are convinced that the moment is approaching when Signor Mussolini will demand satisfaction from France.

No doubt exists here, and in Paris, that Herr Hitler will support Italian claims, and will also push her own colonial demands with the object of precipitating a "Mediterranean Munich."

The democracies therefore, are making their greatest effort since the beginning of the war to prevent Italy from consolidating her hold in Spain, Majorca, and Spanish-Morocco, from where she would menace French and British imperial communications.

GET RID OF ITALIANS

France-British efforts included firstly, the decision not to grant recognition or financial aid to General Franco until he gets rid of the Italo-German forces; secondly, to attempt to prevent the strategically located Minorca Island from falling into the hands of Italy; thirdly, a joint demand to General Franco to keep Italian troops away from the French frontier, which General Franco is heeding.

The democracies are doing their utmost to secure peace, and to deprive Italy of her last excuse for maintaining troops in Spain.

France-British peace efforts are blocked by General Franco's in-

LATEST

Poland Recognises General Franco

Warsaw, Feb. 7.

Poland has given General Franco the facto recognition, which is believed to be a preliminary to de jure recognition, with the departure of a trade representative for Burgos to negotiate in agreement.—*United Press*.

NEGRIIN RETURNING

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Dr. Juan Negrin, the Loyalist Premier, who crossed the French frontier with other members of his Cabinet, will return to Spain shortly to continue the fight against General Franco's forces, according to an official of the Spanish Embassy in London.

He added that Dr. Negrin and his Ministers would probably establish the Government at Valencia, rather than Madrid, in order to "continue resistance to the end."

The official stated that about 200,000 refugees had crossed into France.—*Reuter*.

Italy-Soviet Pact

stance upon an unconditional surrender, and Dr. Negrin's insistence of the fulfilment of his three conditions for peace.—*United Press*.

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WANDERING ROMEO IS SEARCHING FOR A NURSE

Now He Has Vanished

BELFAST.

SOMEWHERE in Britain, a slim, handsome, 26-years-old "Polish Romeo" is looking for a nurse.

But he is required here to answer a charge of contravening the Aliens Act by entering the United Kingdom without a passport.

Wife Dies In Ice Rescue

AN aircraftman's 21-years-old wife lost her life recently when she tried to save a boy who had fallen through the ice covering a disused reservoir at Sherburn Hill, near Durham.

The boy was rescued by the woman's father.

Mrs. Bertha Thompson, former girl guide and Brownie leader, was passing the reservoir with her parents when she heard screams.

She saw 10-year-old Joseph Turnbull clinging with his fingers to the edge of the ice.

Mrs. Thompson ran out to help the boy and was within a few feet of him when the ice gave way and she disappeared.

After diving three times, a youth Joseph Kenney, succeeded in bringing Mrs. Thompson to the surface, but when other helpers, using a ladder, got her to the bank she was dead.

Aircraftman J. R. Thompson learned of his wife's death when he returned home from Christmas festivities at Loughborough aerodrome, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Thompson leaves a son, aged seven months.

KILLED TRYING TO SAVE BROTHER

When 45-year-old Michael Boham, of Elm Park, Essex, fell on the line at East Ham railway station, his brother, Gerald, an aircraftman,

He is Leon Appelbaum, a textile worker from Poland, and his guest was mentioned here recently when he failed to appear for the resumed hearing of his case.

A statement said to have been made by Appelbaum was read by a police witness. This said that Appelbaum had fallen in love with a nurse in a London hospital, but had lost trace of her.

He crossed to Bray, Eire, to look for her, and his search had brought him to this city.

Head Constable Murphy, who prosecuted recently, said that the matter had been adjourned while Appelbaum's case was referred to the Home Office, which had directed that an application be made to the court for the issue of a deportation order.

APPLIED FOR PASSPORT

Mr. Leslie Morris, Appelbaum's solicitor, said that no trace of him could be found here.

"This man is a Polish Romeo looking for his Juliet," Mr. Morris said.

"His ballsman is a stranger and went security out of the goodness of his heart."

Head Constable Murphy said that Appelbaum had applied at Liverpool for a passport a few days ago, but he was not arrested because he was then on bail.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight in the hope that Appelbaum would return to answer the charge.

leapt after him and tried to pull him clear of an oncoming train.

Gerald was killed. Michael was taken injured to East Ham Memorial Hospital, where he was stated later to be comfortable.

Vicar Weds At 72

The 72-year-old vicar of Ashington, Northumberland, the Rev. Samuel Davidson, was married at Newcastleton-Tyne recently to Miss Edith Waller, aged 35.

Miss Waller is the daughter of a former vicar of Lendish, a neighbouring parish to Ashington. Mr. Davidson's first wife died four years ago.

EMPIRE NEWS

MOSLEMS WARN CONGRESS

Bombay.

A resolution authorising the Working Committee of the Moslem League to launch civil disobedience to safeguard Moslem rights and interests, if necessary, in Bihar, the United Provinces and the Central Provinces, was passed unanimously at an open session of the League at Patna recently. These Provinces are ruled by Congress Governments.

The resolution referred to "atrocities committed in these provinces," and to "the systematic manner in which even elementary Moslem rights are trampled upon by the Congress Governments."

The Governments of these provinces, it was stated, failed to redress grievances in spite of the constitutional methods adopted so far.

Representatives from all parts of India, including the Moslem Premiers of the Punjab and Bengal, supported the resolution. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, offering the solid support of the Punjab Moslems to the disobedience movement, stressed the right of Moslems to live in India unpersecuted.

Mr. Jinnah, in his presidential address recently, warned Congress that the League would take up the Moslems' cause in the States if Congress exploited them.

STUDENT ACQUITTED

Calcutta.

Ajit Bardhan, a Hindu student, charged with the attempted murder of Sgt. Major W. J. Berragan, of the 2nd Bn. the Border Regt., stationed in Calcutta, has been acquitted.

It was alleged that Bardhan entered a train in which Berragan was travelling from Calcutta to Darjeeling and attacked him with an iron rod and a knife.

The defence alleged that Sgt. Major Berragan challenged Bardhan's right to enter the compartment and attacked him with the compartment knife, which Bardhan took from him and used in self-defence.

AUSTRALIA

NEW AIR SQUADRON FOR QUEENSLAND

Sydney.

As part of the plans to increase the Royal Australian Air Force, a new general purposes squadron is to be established at Amberley, near Ipswich, Queensland. It is to be composed partly of planes of the permanent forces and partly of planes of the citizens' forces.

The squadron is to be equipped with 12 aircraft and to have a complement of 150 airmen from the permanent forces, and 20 officers and 115 airmen from the citizen forces. An area of 800 acres is to be acquired for the aerodrome, which, (Continued on Next Column.)



Temporary probation was granted Paul Francis, 15-year-old orphan who "raided" the San Francisco mint, believed impregnable. Federal Judge A. P. St. Sure concluded the youths did not have criminal intent, when they climbed a drain pipe, raised a window and entered. They told him their exploit was "just for fun."

Gracie Turns Crazy News Reel Editor

GRACIE FIELDS has now become a news-reel editor. She has edited an edition of British Movietone News and makes a riotous success of the job.

The script was written by Howard Thomas, and Gracie acts as commentator and appears in person.

We see her ousting Leslie Mitchell, Movietone commentator, from his desk with "Hello, Leslie, love, you've got to fit. I'm gaffer to-day. I'm taking over Movietone for once."

Then she turns to the audience and remarks confidentially: "Don't you think it's a shame the way they over-work Leslie? Poor chap, one week he's dodging the bombs in China, the next week he's helping a duchess to launch a lifeboat in Weston-super-Mare."

"I know it's nice to get about a together with buildings, will cost £250,000."

Staff Corps Commissions.—More staff cadets than have graduated in any single year since the war have just left the Royal Military College at Sandhurst to accept commissions in the Australian Staff Corps.

Because of the expansion of the defence forces and the acute demand for officers the Federal Government has decided to shorten, from four years to three, the course being undertaken by certain selected cadets.

SOUTH AFRICA

50 PER CENT. FALL IN FRUIT CROP

Cape Town.

The deciduous fruit crop of the Western Province is expected to be about 50 per cent. less than last year. The total ultimate exports for the season that has just begun are estimated at 69,000 tons, compared with 93,000 tons last season.

Trays of peaches which a year ago fetched from 1s. to 1s. 6d. are now realising from 3s. to 4s. in Cape Town.

Canners Anxious.—Mr. J. L. Moore, general manager of the South African Food Canners' Council, says that his council has been watching the market position in Britain with some anxiety in view of the Anglo-American Trade Agreement. Under this agreement, South Africa agreed to reductions in preferences on canned fruit salad and pineapples, in which the Union has been building up an export trade for some years.

Brothers as Rhodes Scholars.—One of the newly-elected Rhodes Scholars for the Cape is Mr. Willem Bok, son of Mr. Justice Bok, and a brother of Dr. Louis Bok, a Rhodes Scholar of 1931. This is the second time in the history of the scholarships that two brothers have earned the honour. In 1903 Mr. P. T. Lewis was a Rhodes Scholar, and was followed in 1905 by his brother, Mr. V. A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has been acting as Governor of Southern Rhodesia during the illness of Sir Herbert Stanley.

bit, Leslie, but you've got to have a holiday sometime, you know, lad."

Leslie: But I'm supposed to help with the number, Gracie.

TAKE YOUR HOOK

Gracie: Give over chuntering. Go on, take your hook.

As he leaves she calls him back and implants a smacking kiss, murmuring that she likes "em with moustaches. She goes on:

"Let's go up north and get some real lumpy—do—lumpy stuff. All aboard, folks! First stop Rochdale!" Hounds, though it is true the M.F.H. looks like Movietone's well-known 18-stone cameraman.

Our volatile guide takes us on lightning trips to Blackburn, Preston, and Manchester. The last she calls "Our famous Lancashire holiday resort. They don't have to worry about A.R.P. No gas masks needed there. They're used to it."

Then to Liverpool and references to football pools—(It's Liverpoolpool now. Next a Lancashire knacker-up with his pole with which he tips the windows of early-risers.

LONDON GAS WORKS

The scene shifts to Broadcasting House, which Movietone's new Editor describes as "the London gas works."

We are whisked back to the Movietone studios, and Gracie, in the midst of 'phoning and eating black puddings, is interrupted by Victor Silvester, the dance champion and band leader, to have a dance lesson.

She protests she's making a news reel but Victor assures her this is news.

18-YEAR-OLD BOY'S SAVAGERY

A mother objected to her 12-year-old son being remanded in custody at Liverpool Juvenile Court, and Mrs. Remain, the presiding magistrate, said that he might have committed murder. The case against the boy is that he caused grievous bodily harm to a boy of seven. In a statement the accused said he and another boy took the younger boy to a shed, lumped on him, hit him in the face with their fists, took off all his clothes and threw bricks at him.



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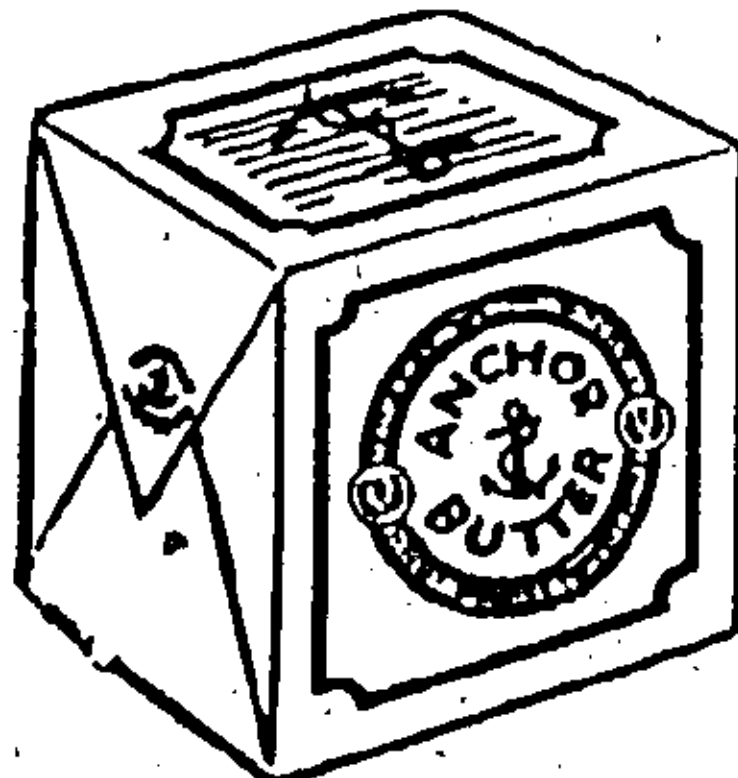
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After Cafe Visit

Jerusalem.

INSPECTOR WILLIAM W. THOMAS, brilliant officer of the Palestine Police Force, has been found shot dead with a married woman in her home here.

Beside them was a revolver belonging to Thomas.

The woman was Mrs. Haya Grossman, attractive young wife of a dentist who was spending the week-end with his two daughters, aged four and six.

Inspector Thomas had planned to visit his parents, who live near Caerphilly, Glamorgan, at the last minute decided to postpone his leave until May.

He was 29. On the night before Mrs. Grossman had been in the Cafe Europe, favourite meeting place of the British police in Jerusalem.

When she left for her home, it is stated that Thomas, who also been in the Cafe Europe, followed her.

A few moments after Thomas entered her home, two shots were heard.

Mrs. Grossman, a dark woman of Oriental appearance, was seen in Jaffa of Russian-Jewish parentage.

CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION

London.

The Council of the British Medical Association has decided to hold a national conference on nutrition in relation to national policy. Doctors, representatives of agriculture at home and overseas, and of industry and education will debate the best system of securing the necessary increase in consumption. The provisional dates for this Conference are 27th, 28th and 29th April, with a public meeting also on the 28th April. The B.M.A. appointed a committee on Nutrition in 1923, when Sir Kaye J. Fleming was chairman.

"Penny Bloods" Cured Nightmares

Small boys should plump for Mr. L. A. G. Strong as their favourite author. He believes they should be allowed to read what they like and when they like.

Advocating this at a preparatory schools conference in London recently, Mr. Strong told this story: "I knew of a boy of eight who suffered from nightmares. Every night he used to wake up two or three times screaming. Finally, he was taken to a psychologist, who found that he was not getting the kind of reading he wanted and prescribed 'penny bloods.' The boy read them. This side of his nature found adequate expression and the nightmares stopped."

Gipsy On Spell Removing Charge

Fantastic rites performed by a housewife on the advice of a gipsy were described at Portsmouth Quarter Sessions recently in a case under a 200-year-old Act dealing with witchcraft.

The housewife, Mrs. Anne Colgrove, said that she—

Burned a pound of best steak in which she had placed a human hair; Burned a glove containing a needle and a pin; and Slept with a crystal under her mattress.

The gipsy, Bessie Birch (51), of Exmouth Road, Gosport, mother of ten children, was found guilty of unlawfully undertaking to tell fortunes and to remove a spell from a ring.

She was also found guilty of stealing rings and money worth £18 14s. from two women by means of a trick.

Mr. A. H. Armstrong, prosecuting, said the women parted with the rings and money on Birch's promise to return them after she had found out about their future.

Birch was bound over for two years "to give her a chance to reform."

Died Beside Wife's Grave

JOSEPH SMITH, aged 77, of Kingsway, West Wickham, Kent, was found dead recently a few feet from his wife's grave in Streatham Park Cemetery, S.W.

Mrs. Smith died last year. She had been her husband's devoted companion for 55 years.

Though in failing health, Mr. Smith visited her grave regularly, never allowing the flowers to fade.

Relatives, worried about his health and the bad weather, had tried to dissuade him from going to the cemetery. But he had listened to them and then slipped away. An inquest will be held.



Carrying a doll and an American flag, Eva Levy, 3, refugee from Germany, is greeted on arrival in New York by her brother, Walter, 6. Eva arrived on the President Roosevelt with her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Herz. They gave up their home in Berlin and plan to live with Walter, who has been with relatives in New York for a year.

All-Women Bench, So Court Rose Early

CROYDON COUNTY POLICE COURT had an all-women Bench recently for the first time since its inauguration in 1797. And they talked far less than men magistrates.

The justices were Mrs. B. W. Thomas (who presided), Mrs. B. E. Ransom and Mrs. M. G. Adams. They dealt with a heavy list of motoring summonses and relief fraud cases so rapidly that the business of the Court was completed nearly three-quarters of an hour earlier than usual.

An official of the Court said to the *News Chronicle*:—"A number of men magistrates were also on the rota, but only one turned up and he had to leave early. NO ARGUMENTS. The three women conferred for a moment and decided to get on with the job themselves. One or two defendants tried to argue, but Mrs. Thomas silenced them with a very few words. 'I think the reason we got through the business so quickly was because Mrs. Thomas, who has not presided before, did not spend any time delivering lectures to the defendants.'

WILL WIPES OUT DEBTS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. Dr. Andrew S. Gregg, who was a practising physician here for 37 years, left provisions in his will that debts owed to him by "widows, orphans and others unable to pay" be cancelled. The will directed the trustees to give receipts in full to persons owing such debts.

Mrs. Stephen de Laszlo Killed

MRS. STEPHEN DE LASZLO, wife of Mr. Stephen Philip de Laszlo, a son of the famous portrait painter, was killed and her husband seriously injured when their car collided with a lorry on the London-Newmarket road near Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, recently.

They had left their home at Rutland Court, Knightsbridge, to spend a week-end with friends, taking their Pekinese dog.

In their apartment they left their four-year-old son Philip with his governess. The accident happened at a bend in the road and two men in the lorry were also seriously injured and taken with Mr. de Laszlo to Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, where they were detained.

They are two brothers named Cardy, from Elmswell, Suffolk.

DAUGHTER OF BARONESS

Mrs. de Laszlo, who was about 38, was formerly Miss Edith Alexandra (Dinna) von Versen, elder daughter of Baroness von Versen.

She was married at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, by the Bishop of Chichester, a cousin of her husband, in January, 1931.

The wedding present from the bridegroom's father was a portrait of the bride, which was on view at the wedding reception.

Swimming and skiing were two of Mrs. de Laszlo's hobbies.

Mr. Stephen de Laszlo, who is about 42, is the second of the five sons of the late Mr. Philip de Laszlo. He is an expert in electrical matters and wireless.

Chaplin To Carry On As Dictator

New York. Charlie Chaplin broke his silence recently with an announcement on his new film. Here are the facts on it.

"THE DICTATOR" is the title. It will be all-talking. Chaplin will play both his old character and a new one, in which he will be "seen and heard for the first time." Chaplin has written the film himself.

Production starts in January. And that is as far as Chaplin will go. Plot, implications and tricks are secrets, but Hollywood has heard that Chaplin is going to play dictatorships with a mistaken identity plot in which an inoffensive little Jew will get mixed up in a situation that makes him dictator, while the real dictator is banished.

Chaplin has had warning of dictatorship reprisals if he goes on with his idea, but his announcement shows that he is standing no dictation.

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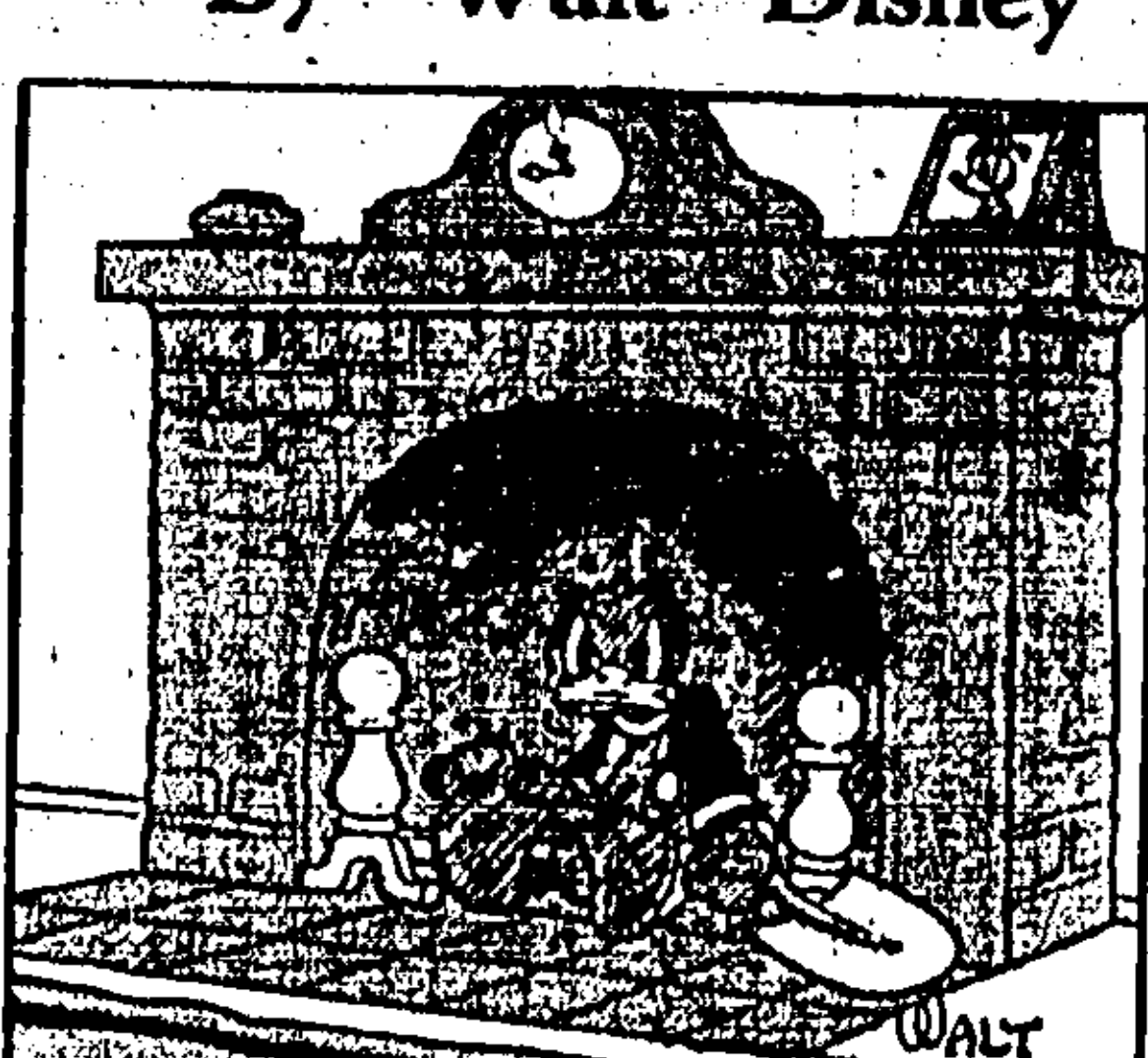
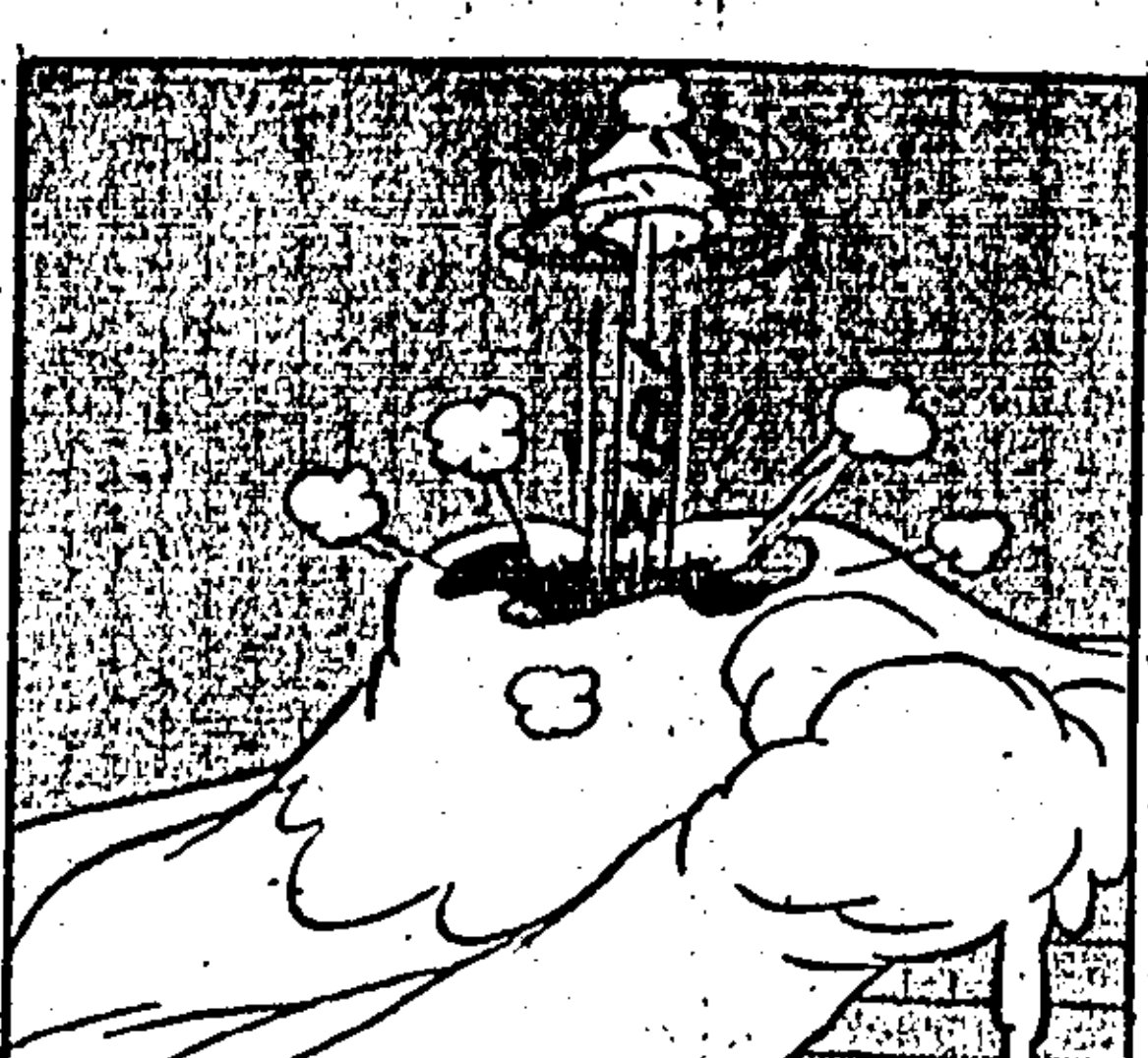
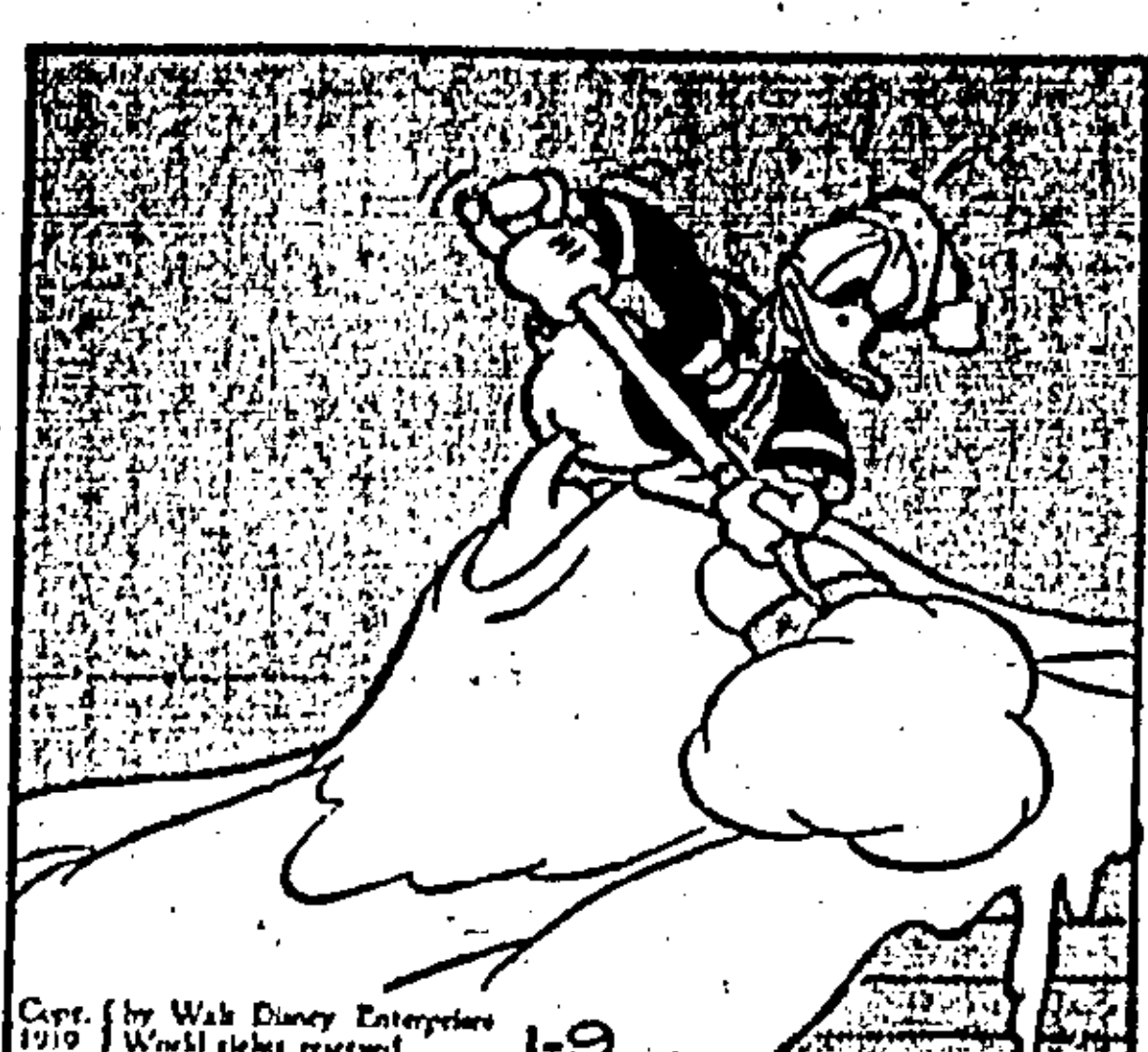
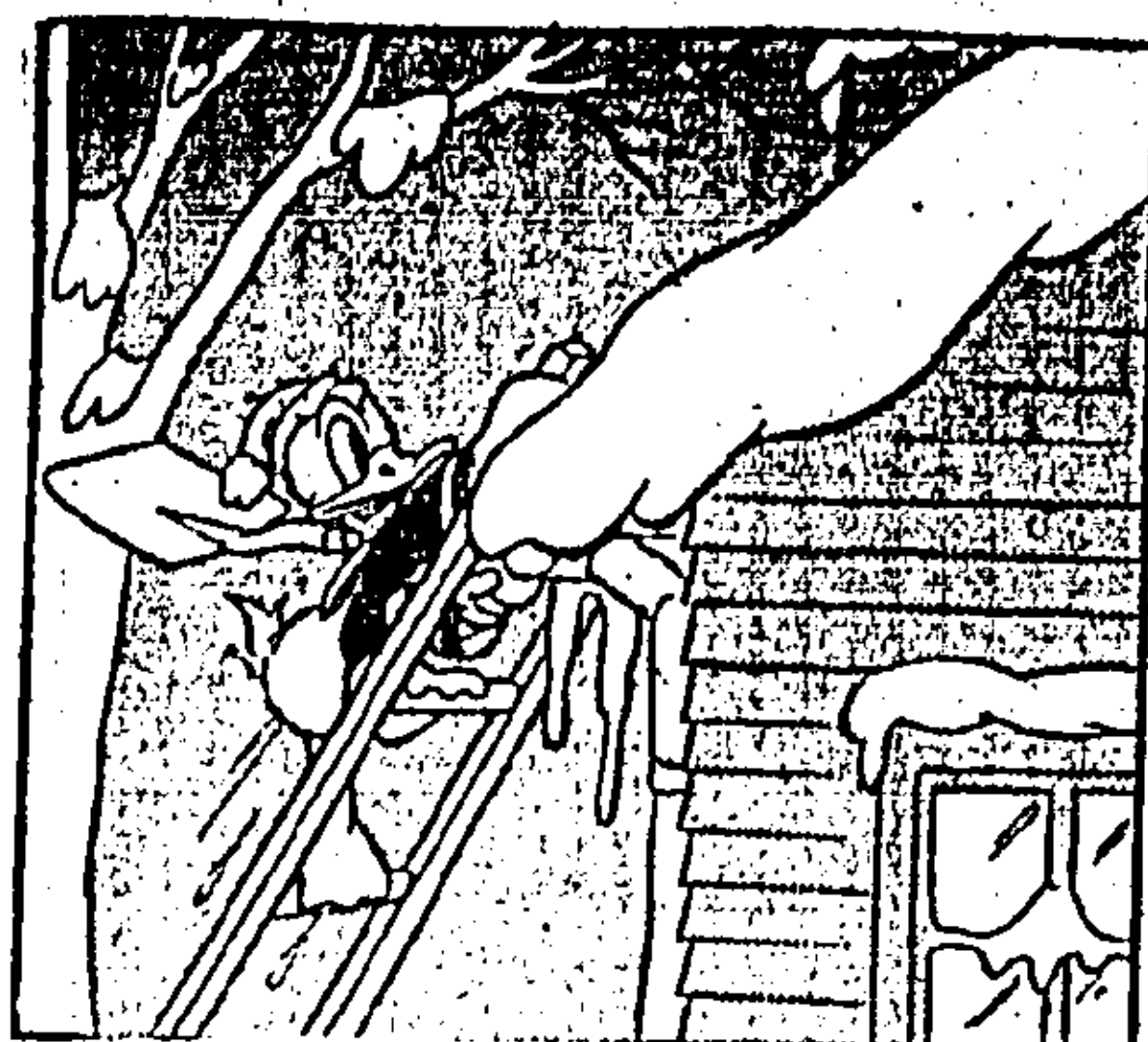
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MINISTRY'S LETTER

Embezzlement Charge Against Clerk

Charged with having fraudulently embezzled a letter, addressed to the Chinese Ministry of Finance from the Cuba Chungwa General Association, and delivered by the Bank of China to the Ministry, Hsu Chien, 48, clerk employed by the Ministry, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted on behalf of the Ministry, while Mr. Peter H. Sin represented Hsu. Detective-Inspector A. S. L. Hopkins was present for the police.

Hsu was originally charged with fraudulent conversion of a draft for U.S. \$8,204.02, the property of the Ministry.

The prosecution alleges that he received a letter which was acknowledged in a chit-book, but was not in the incoming register.

Pak Mui-fong, a dance hostess, yesterday said she lent Hsu \$200 on the evening of January 1.

Two San-po, office boy of the Ministry, said that it was his duty to take charge of the Ministry's door keys. On January 1, about 7.20 p.m., he handed over the keys to another office boy named Li Kong, and then Hsu invited them out to dinner. During dinner Hsu told them that he was in danger and that the two could help him if they wanted to. He said the Ministry suspected him of stealing some documents. When Hsu was asked how they could help him, he asked them to destroy the chit-book of the Bank of China, which was kept in the Ministry.

Later the same evening, Hsu gave them \$200. The next day, Li Kong made a report of the matter to the Special Commissioner.

Corroborative evidence was given by Li Kong, office boy.

Defendant then went into the witness box, and said that he was employed in the Receiving Department of the Ministry of Finance. His work included the opening of mail and entering the list of all letters in a book. Witness said that if a messenger brought a letter or letters, he would check the receipt book with two chops that were in his possession. One of these was kept under lock and key, but the other was always on his desk. In reply to a question by Mr. Sin, defendant said that from 30 to 40 letters were received in the course of a day.

At this stage the further hearing was adjourned to 11.45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, and 2 p.m. on February 17.

Thief Takes Only Trousers

Toronto, Ont.

John Ensson, described by Crown Attorney F. Malone as a thief whose specialty was stealing trousers, was sentenced to two months here for stealing a pair from a store. "Pants are this man's specialty," Malone said. "His record goes back to 1905."

News Is Knowledge

Q.—The Dutch nation's wedding gift to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard was officially presented last month, two years after their marriage. Why the delay?

A.—Because the gift took the form of rebuilding and furnishing a wing of the Royal couple's palace at Soestdyk. Among new installations paid for by the Dutch people are a cinema, a gymnasium, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

Q.—How many people were killed in Palestine in 1938?

A.—According to statistics compiled by the local British newspaper, "Palestine Post," 1,097—an increase of 1,000 over the figure for 1937.

Crippled Scout Honoured

Brisbane, Aus.

Although paralyzed in one arm, a local boy scout has mastered the requirements of scouting to such an extent that he has been awarded the Boy Scout V. C. by Lord Baden-Powell, chief scout of the order. He learned to harness horses, and to swing an axe with his one good arm.

Reporting Progress: by Ritchie Calder

A PIECE of telephone cord, severed by a burglar to prevent his victims from calling the police, was sent to the G-Men laboratory at Washington.

With it was a pocket-knife, found on a suspect.

The scientists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation found on the blade of the knife, under the microscope, a tiny brown stain.

They placed it under the spectroscopic, and found it consisted of copper and tin, identical with the wire of the cord.

Result: Five years' imprisonment. This is one of the many instances which Edgar Hoover, capital G-man, who might be called the Dean of the Faculty of Scientific Detection, gives in a learned article in "The Review of Scientific Instruments."

A BLACKMAILER marked the left by painting a red white. In the home of a suspect was found a pot of white paint. In this case the spectroscopic came to the rescue.

A tiny difference, undetectable by any other method, was found in the composition of the two paints.

Public men in America are nervous about mysterious peckers. So are the police to whom they are handed. They might contain bombs. Now they X-ray all doubtful parcels.

ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

Hulda Maersk Due Here On Sunday

The Hulda Maersk, latest vessel to join the fleet of the Maersk Line (A. P. Moller), Copenhagen, will reach Hongkong on her maiden voyage on Sunday. She is a vessel that this company is taking its part in the widespread production of faster and more comfortable cargo vessels.

The Maersk Line has at present the motor vessels Laura Maersk and Lexa Maersk under construction, and in June this year will institute a regular fortnightly service from the Philippines via Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan to Los Angeles, and via the Panama Canal direct to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, and Savannah.

The Hulda Maersk was built last year at Odense, Denmark, at the Maersk Line's own shipyard. She is built for a speed, fully loaded, of 15 knots, and her accommodation includes six double passenger cabins, each with attached bathroom. Her specifications are as follows: Overall length 400 feet; breadth 57 feet; gross tonnage 5,000; deadweight capacity of 8,000 tons at 25 feet 5½ inches; capacity of cargo holds, 13,350 tons of 40 cubic feet; deep tanks for bulk oil cargoes, 2,875 tons; refrigerated space, 30 tons at 12 degrees centigrade, especially built for Hongkong requirements. The machinery consists of one 9-cylinder diesel engine of Burmeister & Wain four-cycle, single-acting type, I.H.P. 5,800.

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H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105. Played by the Prague String Quartet.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 George Scott Wood (Piano-Accordion) and His Six Swingers. Meet The Boys—Fox-Trot; Sammy Saxophone—Fox-Trot; Scott Wood and His Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus; Stars Over Devon (Egan); Speak To Me Of Love (Lennon); George Scott Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass and Drums; Hot Pie—Part 1—Quickstep; Part 2—Slow Fox-Trot; Scott Wood and His Six Swingers; In A Little Gypsy Tea Room (Burke); Lulu's Back In Town (film "Broadway Gondolier").

George Scott Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass and Drums; Evergreens Of Jazz; Scott Wood and His Six Swingers.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 London Palladium Orchestra with Joan Cross (Soprano) and Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Les Sylphides (Cossigue, arr. Lotter); Moonlight (Collins); The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cream; Say That You Will Not Forget (film "Forget me not"); Joan Cross (Soprano) with Orchestra; Dreaming—Waltz (Joyce); The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson).

The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by William E. Pethers; Let Me Love You To-night (Waller and Tunbridge); Here's To Life (Talbot and Atkinson); Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra; Mandalay (Kipling and Wilbey); Raymond Newell (Baritone), with

Orchestra; Lightning Switch (Alford); The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cream.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Silvery Moon And Golden Sands; Quickstep—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming; Rumba—When Bomba Plays A Rumba; Tango—Lonely Troubadour; Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance

Tempo Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-In-Law; The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film "The Singing Marine"); George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers; Tangos—Se Lo Llevaron; La Fumalada; Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trots—Sixty Seconds Got Together; Goodbye To Summer; Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Vocal Chorus; Tangos—Tu Sabe...

Henry King and His Hotel Pierre Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Jalouse; Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Goodnight To You All; The Trouble With Me Is You (film "With Love and Kisses"); George Elrick and His Swing Music Makers.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.45 London Relay—"Ghosts Of London".

A new series of musical memories written by Wilfrid Rooke Ley, Music selected by Mark H. Lubbock; The BBC Theatre Orchestra, Leader Tate Gilder, conducted by Standford Robinson.

7.40 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

"Sharks Permitting" by Robert Gibbins.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dolmancy—Wedding Waltz. Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Professor H. Abendroth.

8.10 Siddle—Recital by Eva Turner (Soprano) with Lindsay A. Lafford at the Piano.

1. Chide me, if thou wilt ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart); 2. Grant Oh Love ("Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); 3. I forget what I am ("Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); 4. Eva Turner accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford; 5. Voi cho Sapete ("Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart); 6. Saper Vorreste

("Un Ballo in Maschera"—Verdi); 7. Libiamo ("La Traviata"—Verdi); 8. Eva Turner accom. by Lindsay A. Lafford.

8.30 Beatrice Harrison (Cello).

Sarabande (Handel)...with Organ accom. by Herbert Dawson; Melody (Dawes); Serenade ("Hassan"—Dellus)...with Piano accom. by Margaret Harrison.

8.40 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

8.55 New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Dance Des Apaches (Cuthbert Clarke); Glow Worm Idyll (Linck); Serenade (Pierne); String Ensemble; Salut Amour (Elgar); Parade Of The Pin Soldiers (Kessell); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing).

9.15 Duets by Dora Labette (Soprano) and Hubert Eldell (Tenor).

Very Own Pierrette (Rex Allingham); The Keys Of Heaven (arr. Broadwood and Maitland)...with Piano; Moon-Enchanted (Dowson and Besley); Love's Old Sweet Song (Bingham and Molloy)...with J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

9.30 London Relay—"The News".

9.50 Musical Comedy.

"Tulp Time"—Selection (Sievier and Wark); "Please, Teacher"—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge); New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists.

10.0 London Relay—"The Kentucky Minstrels".

A Black-faced Minstrel Show devised and produced by Harry S. Pepper; Bones, Tambourines, Corners, Moon, Crook Banjo, Team, Stump Speech, Old and New Melodies; Among the artists taking part will be Scott and Whaley, and Harry S. Pepper and Doris Arnold will be at the pianos; The BBC Variety Orchestra and Male Voice Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate; Orchestral arrangements by Doris Arnold; Book written and remembered by C. Denier Warren.

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Patience Ending?

THERE IS particular significance in the declaration in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Neville Chamberlain that Great Britain would place all her forces at the disposal of France in the event of that ally becoming involved in war.

It is the first time a British Premier has made that declaration. There are many people who believe that had Britain as firmly made its intentions known to Germany in 1914 there would have been no Great War.

It is interesting to recall that, as recently as December 12 last year, Mr. Chamberlain certainly had no intention of giving such an unequivocal statement of British support for France as was given yesterday. On that occasion, in response to a question whether, in the event of Italy embarking on warlike operations against France, Britain would give military aid, the Prime Minister replied somewhat cryptically that "no requirement of such aid exists in any treaty or pact with France."

The significance lies in the fact that the assurances Mr. Chamberlain hesitated to give before his recent visit to Rome have been forthcoming after that visit.

Britain's policy shows signs of hardening against both Italy and Japan.

In the European sphere, the wreckage and rape of Catalonia must have a terrific effect on public opinion in Great Britain, the more so in view of the boasts in Rome that Italy achieved the victory that drove the Loyalists across the frontiers into sanctuary in France.

In the Far East, there are many signs that patience is rapidly nearing exhaustion, especially in view of happenings on the Pearl River in the south, on the Yangtze in Central China and at Tsingtao and Chefoo in the north. The tactlessness of Japanese consular officials who demanded an explanation of the "unwarrantable action of H.M.S. Birmingham" in refusing to allow puppet officials to board a British steamer outside territorial waters, and telling the British naval authorities that "similar incidents should not occur in future" will not aid Japanese relations with Britain.

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Startled, you look up from
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You see a car swerving violently, lurching drunkenly over the pavement towards you; you see a cyclist flung into the roadway; you see horror sketched on some man's face.

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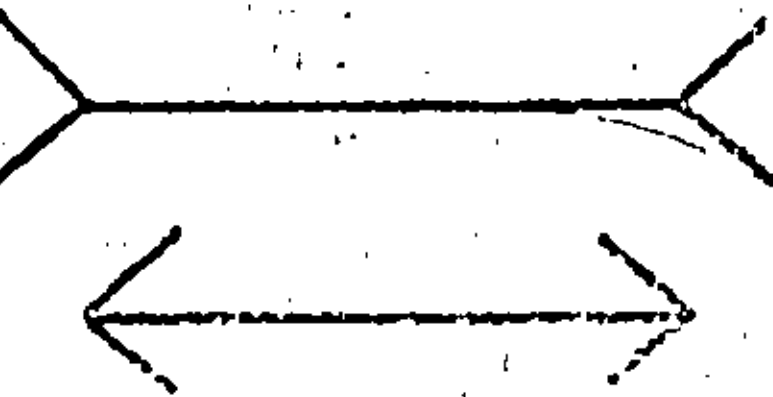
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Are you SURE?

Look at these two lines:



Both are exactly the same length—but they don't look it. Your eyes deceive you. And in the same way, again and again, your senses will bear false witness.

In the complex business of observing something that is happening, that is an incident involving several factors presenting several sides, it has been found that the average eye-witness account of the thing through interrogation while observed is not only very incomplete, but 40 per cent. inaccurate.

Experimenting along these lines Professor Wolters, of Reading University, asked a group of his students to describe a small dramatic incident which had occurred in the lecture room.

An accurate and full report required just ten essential points. The average number correctly reported was 3.5 and, on the average, there was one completely false addition to each account. Incidents which had not occurred and which were materially impossible in the situation were reported with complete assurance.

To these spontaneous inaccuracies and omissions of a "free narrative" must be added the errors resulting from "suggestion" through questioning. It has been estimated (by Walter Van Dyke Bingham and Bruce Moore in How to Inter-view) that testimony got

A class of young girls having just seen a film were asked if the lamp in the picture was hanging from the ceiling or resting on the table. So powerful was the "suggestion" that not one answered correctly that there was neither lamp nor table in the picture.

About 50 per cent. stated with great certainty that it hung from the ceiling. The remainder affirmed with equal assurance that it rested on the table.

To this initial weakness of observation, to this susceptibility to suggestion, must be added a thoroughly unreliable memory.

Tests show that the average innate tendency is to forget half of all that is learnt in an hour, two-thirds in eight hours, three-quarters in a week and four-fifths in a month.

This rate is modified by forming associations: links between one thing relative to another and with such assistance your memory more or less adequately meets the practical requirements of everyday life.

But in the matter of testimony this fact itself may be yet another source of error.

For unfathomable personal reasons you may remember certain irrelevances with complete clarity while forgetting the really crucial points.

You will remember primarily things that affect or interest you. Things that are creditable to you will make a deep and lasting impression on your consciousness. Discreditable things, on the other hand, you will forget with remarkable speed, thoroughness and convenience.

There is no reason to believe that the facts you salvage in this profoundly subjective manner from the bog of your innate forgetfulness are the most important from the point of view of objective accuracy.

There is no reason to believe that they are even facts.

So when you looked up from your contemplation of the shop window a mass of impressions crashed into your brain. Your brain could receive only a proportion of those impressions. It could retain only a proportion of what it received. What it retained was confused and distorted by all the intensely personal trains of thought set loose by the situation.

On this blunt, uncertain edge the scales of justice balance.

The policeman stands with his pencil poised. The destiny, the freedom, the honour of some fellow man may depend on one word from you.

You may speak that word—but... are you, can you be, SURE?

5-Minutes Medical Exam.

HOW much do you know about yourself?

Put "Yes" or "No" to the following questions and check your answers by those in the following two columns, where the facts are given by Dr. August A. Thomen, the eminent American physician, whose views, Lord Horder says, "successfully challenge the most severe criticism."

DO YOU BELIEVE—

1 That the consumption of lemon juice or vinegar is a simple and effective method of reducing one's weight?

2 That it matters if you are plump at over 40?

3 That individuals with high colour or florid complexions are not usually healthy?

4 That a person should not bathe while he is warm?

5 That it is sensible to expose children to measles, whooping cough, chicken-pox, scarlet fever, on the presumption that they will get them anyway?

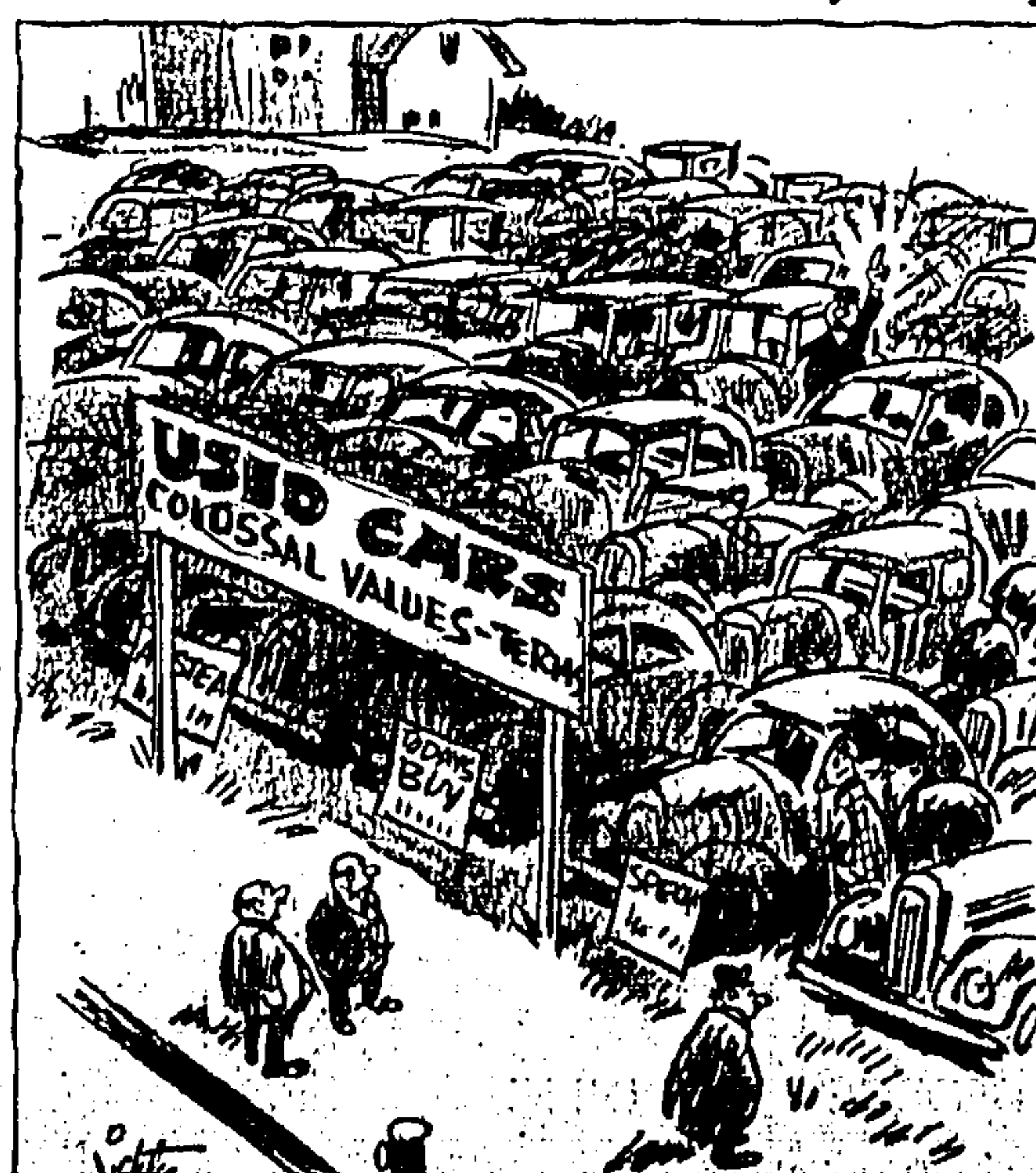
6 That a high forehead is a positive sign of intelligence and culture?

7 That marriage between persons of opposite characteristics and personality traits are more liable to be successful and happy than others?

The correct answers to the questions in the preceding columns are:

(1)—No. The idea that if one drinks the juice of a lemon after a heavy meal, the excess food will not "turn into fat" is undiluted nonsense. Lemon juice has no such property.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Pshaw—I know it! He would want the one in the middle!"

Dr. Thomen Marks Your Card

Vinegar, which is diluted acetic acid, can indirectly cause a loss of weight occasionally, by deranging the digestion and the appetite. Such a method is obviously ill-advised.

(2)—Yes. For one to be overweight at middle life is definitely disadvantageous. Within reason, the shorter the waistline the longer the lifeline.

(3)—Yes. What is often considered an exquisite complexion by the laity is recognised as a definite sign of illness by the doctor. A certain type of heart disease often produces, in girls especially, a remarkably beautiful complexion. A pleasing, rosy complexion is not always an index of good health.

(4)—No. It is quite safe to go in bathing when one is warm, and any unusual happening is to be regarded as due to some other cause. To bathe in cool water in such circumstances can produce only an exhilarating reaction in a healthy person.

Measles

(5)—No. The common fallacy of exposing children to infection on the presumption that the illness, whatever it may be, is mild in its nature, and that sooner or later they will contract it, is to be emphatically condemned. The notion is wholly fallacious for the following reasons:

(a) A mild case may, and often does, develop into a serious one.

(b) It is not quite true that all should have these ailments during some period of their existence.

(c) The seriousness of these ailments is always greater, the younger the child.

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England

PALESTINE PARLEYS OPEN

Two ceremonies were necessary at the opening of the Conference at St. James's Palace to-day, the Premier first addressing the representatives of the Palestine Arabs and neighbouring States and later addressing the Jews. This is because the Arabs do not recognise the Jewish Agency.

Officials of the Colonial Office were trying up to 2 a.m. to reconcile the differences among the Arabs, there being a possibility that while the feud remained unsettled the whole of the Middle East, as well as representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Transjordan and Yemen, would refuse to attend the opening ceremony if the Defence Party members were present.

Mr. Chamberlain, addressing the Arabs this morning, said: "My policy is one of peace. You may be aware that my particular method of approach to peace is through understanding and the first essential step to understanding is personal contact."

"It is the task of statesmanship, when faced by what may appear to be a deadlock between two peoples, to achieve a compromise on the basis of justice. This is the task before us—difficult no doubt, but surely not beyond the capacity of our united powers."

The Arab delegates comprising those representing the Mufti Party had been received by Mr. Chamberlain in the famous Queen Anne's Drawing Room leading to the Picture Gallery where the talks began.

It was one of the strangest conferences ever held. The greatest care was taken to keep the delegates apart, the Jewish representatives being received separately later in the morning in the Banqueting Room on the other side of the Picture Gallery. This was due to the Arabs declining to sit with the Jews.—*Reuter*.

Jewish Reply

At the Palestine Conference, Dr. Weizmann, replying to the Premier, said: "Let us concentrate on the realities of the present situation, giving due weight to all essential views and endeavouring to appreciate each other's point of view. In this lies the best hope of achieving a settlement of our problem which will provide a foundation on which mutual understanding may grow and peace in Palestine be secured."—*Reuter*.

Arab Strike Closed

The British Military commander for the Southern District has prohibited all commercial traffic for Arabs to and from Jaffa. This measure was taken as reprisal for the new case against the discovery in the Southern District near Rehovot where the railway tracks were destroyed yesterday causing the derailing of four freight cars and resulting in considerable damage.

The British measure against the Arabs will remain in force until the damage is repaired.

New clashes between Arabs and British police occurred in the old section of the city where, shots were exchanged, but it is not yet ascertainable whether anyone was hurt.

One Arab is reported to have been killed in Jaffa.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Asiatic Strike Move

Well-informed observers regard the strike as a very astute move of the organizers of the Grand Mufti. It avowed aim being a protest against sending to London the de-

The Spanish War

REFUGEES POURING INTO FRANCE: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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Japan

TOKYO ALARMED: SOVIET THREAT TO RIGHTS

Tokyo, Feb. 7. The bargaining committees of various parties in the House of Representatives to-day met in a joint conference and agreed to introduce an urgent motion before the House plenary session on February 14 urging the Government to take effective measures for the protection of Japanese rights and interests against Soviet pressure.

The draft resolution reads: "The fact that the pressure exerted by the Soviet Government against Japan's rights and interests has of late increased so greatly that their very foundation is threatened, the Government take urgent measures and leave nothing undone for the safeguarding of the Japanese rights and interests."

Supporters of the vote include Messrs. Kozo Yamamoto and Ryukichi Tajirol of the Minsceto Party, and Messrs. Takeshi Azuma and Toyotaro Fukuzawa of the Seiyukai Party.

Following the conference of all Parties in the House of Representatives, a resolution was introduced into the House urging the Government to leave nothing undone to safeguard Japanese rights and interests in the Soviet Union, which the Resolution declares, are being threatened with destruction by the growing oppression of the Soviet administration.

The Resolution mentions in particular the Japanese fishery rights in the Soviet territorial waters of the Japan, Behring and Okhotsk Seas, which, it asserts, shall never be violated or damaged by the absence of detailed regulations for the exercise of those rights which are affirmed by treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union.

Pointing to the Soviet Union's unwarrantable violation of international good faith by putting all the stabilised fishery lots to auction and by closing 40 of these fishery lots, while the Japanese fishery interests refused to participate in the auction under a grim determination to meet any emergency, the Resolution declares that the situation between the two countries is now unprecedentedly grave.

The Resolution also refers to the Japanese oil and coal concessions in North Saghulien, and urges the Government to take adequate measures to safeguard those rights and interests with grim determination, in view of their illustrious history and of their importance to State economy.—*Domel*.

JAPANESE REVOLT

Tunkai, Anhwei, Feb. 7. Anti-war feeling brought five hundred Japanese at Kiangyin, on the south bank of the Yangtze River above Shanghai, into open revolt recently.

The Japanese commanding officer was killed and many houses were set on fire.

Japanese troops sent from Wuchang to suppress the riot clashed with the mutineers, resulting in considerable casualties. The ringleaders were later arrested and executed and the disgruntled soldiers disbanded.—*Central News*.

Anti-War Handbills

Chungking, Feb. 7. Japanese authorities in Shanghai are concerned over the discovery of anti-war and anti-militarism handbills in the Kiangnan Dockyard under Japanese occupation.

A thorough investigation is being conducted.—*Central News*.


Movement Afoot To Unify Parties

Tokyo, Feb. 7. The Kokumin Shimbun declares that a movement is afoot among the minority parties for unifying various political parties including the Social Mass Party, the Tohoku, and the Kokumin Domei (National League). According to the newspaper, the new movement is inspired to check the influence of the majority parties including the Minsceto and the Seiyukai Parties. The paper understands that the present manoeuvre is not connected in any way with the projected by the Komeito Cabinet.

The paper also reminds that the new Premier, Baron Hiranuma, has definitely pledged to respect political parties and declared that he was not looking forward to the organization of a reformist political party.—*Domel*.

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New Chinese Army

One Million Youths Will Join Up

Chungking, Feb. 7. About a million men have already marched from Szechuan to reinforce the Chinese army now under training. Coming from farming families, these new army recruits represent the best of the Chinese nation's young manhood, simple, honest, strong and diligent.

Szechuan village courtyards, where farmers thresh their harvest in autumn, are now part of the places where China's new army is being put into fighting trim. Sitting around sewing and sunning themselves, the village womenfolk watch with interest these men, their husbands or brothers or sons, in training. Their old fear of soldiers has been completely disappeared for these recruits all come from their native villages and are not recruited from the cities. Life in these recruit quarters is peaceful and happy, and the villagers are ready to testify to the courteous way these recruits treat their hosts.

Village fathers have their reasons for welcoming these recruits. With the army regulation of neatness and cleanliness as examples, village sanitation conditions have been greatly improved with the help of soldiers and army doctors. Free clinics have been maintained. Food scraps and refuse are useful for the feeding of pigs and chickens. And in their leisure hours the soldiers are always willing and ready to lend a hand in the house and fields. The children are taught by army political workers to read and write. They are taught to respect the national flag and to sing the anthem. Playing soldiers is now the favourite game in Szechuan villages, a healthy sign for physical development as well as education.

Recruits Enjoy Life

The recruits enjoy their life in army camps. Properly fed and clothed, these men now take a pride in their appearance. In fact, they are healthier after enlistment, which is a credit to the strict training and discipline of army life. Most of China's new soldiers know how to read and write. The few unfortunate illiterates are given an education by the young and enthusiastic men and women who form the units of army political workers. These new recruits have learned many things since their enlistment, and their morale is extremely high.

Officers taking charge of the training of these young soldiers include those who have actually fought the Japanese on various fronts as well as lieutenants fresh from the Central Military Academy and its branch schools. Thus, experience and theory are blended together for the training of these recruits. These new lieutenants, it may be noticed, were all high school graduates before entering the military institutions. With the war, the old Chinese saying of "a good son does changed into a good soldier" has been changed into "only a good son is worthy to join the army." For indeed they are the cream of the nation's youth, who are mentally fit and physically strong. And with several years of the most strict discipline and training, they have become the officers of the country's legions, ready to lead China's new army to the battlefields to fight against Japanese aggression.—*Central News*.

APPEAL BY CHIANG

Chungking, Feb. 7. All able-bodied members of families of Government and Kuomintang officials are urged by Chiang Kai-shek to enlist in the Chinese army in order to set an example for the populace.

The Generalissimo states it is the duty of citizens to join the army and defend their country, but only peasants have enlisted and very few belonging to families of the Government and Party officials have responded.—*Reuter*.

CHARITY FUNCTION

Accounts of Armistice Day Cabaret Dinner Dance

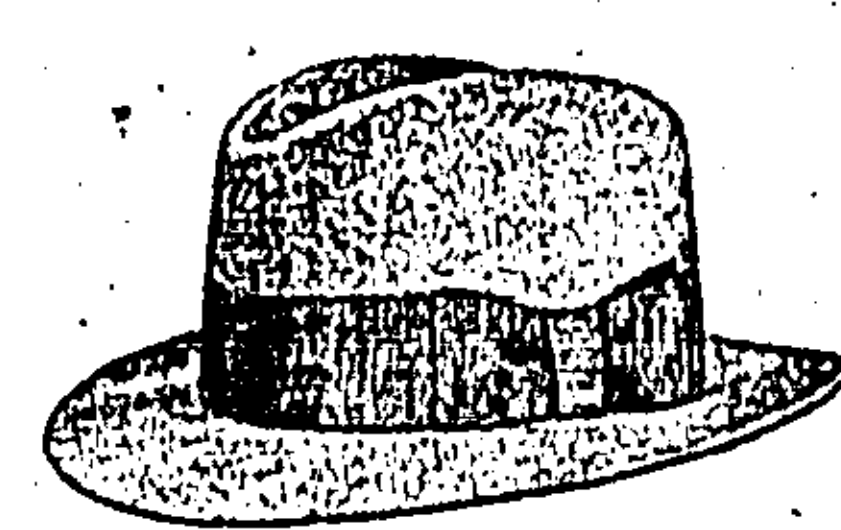
The following statement of accounts of the Cabaret Dinner Dance held on November 11, 1938, at the Hongkong Hotel, has been issued:

Receipts: Admittance and Dinner tickets, \$2,100; programmes and other tickets, \$400.55; Percentage allowed on drinks, \$50; donations, \$31. Total, \$2,680.55.

Expenditure: Advertising, \$70; printing, \$10.25; cost of dinners, \$872; artists, \$25.10; sundries, \$7.70.

Balance: To Hongkong Benevolent Society, \$1,114.60; and to the Hongkong Hotel, \$1,488.75.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Only some 13 per cent. of our population, says a writer in the London *Figaro*, is now illiterate; but in Russia, Rumania, Serbia eighty people out of every 100 can neither read nor write. In Spain the proportion of illiterates is 63 per cent. in Italy 48. But we are beaten by Little Holland, for of every 100 Dutchmen, only 10 are unable to read and write. A still more wonderful result is arrived at in Switzerland, where 2.5 per cent. is the highest illiterate proportion while in Germany the rate is only 1 per cent. and in Sweden, Bavaria, Westenberg and Denmark there is practically no one who cannot read and write. So we have still much to do before we can consider ourselves properly educated as a nation.

The troopship *Tamar*, with time expired men of the military and naval forces from the station on board, left yesterday for home, via Singapore.

The Italian armaments have caused a large deficit in the budget.

Mr. Parnell's action against the Times in Scotland has been dismissed.

25 YEARS AGO

Reuter's agency learns that Sir Ernest Shackleton is purchasing the Norwegian ship *Endurance* and will be employed in Weddell Sea manned by merchant service men.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says President Wilson has issued invitations to the third Peace Conference at the Hague in 1914. It is understood President Wilson acted at the request of the governments of the Netherlands, The United States and Denmark have signed a Treaty agreeing to submit any disputes to a commission, which shall have a year in which to investigate them.

Ten such Treaties have already been signed by other Powers.

There is a probability of a service of night express trains being inaugurated in the near future on the Kowloon-Canton Railway. If the scheme is carried through a train may leave Canton in time to reach Kowloon about midnight, shortly after which another may depart for Canton.

No fewer than five N.D.E. steamers have been lying alongside the Kowloon Wharves within the last four days, viz:—

Borneo, Prinz Ludwig, Prinz Waldemar, Derfflinger, Mark.

10 YEARS AGO

The position of residents in the ex-British Concession in Hankow was the subject of two questions to the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, said that representations had been made to the Chinese Government, and Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, had promised to issue instructions that there should be no outside interference with the ex-British Concession.

The Indian Community of the Colony held a reception at the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon to offer their congratulations to Khan Sahib Nawab Khan and Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh, on their recent promotion to commissioned rank as Assistant Superintendents of the Hongkong Police Force. Mr. U. Rumliah presided over the reception, which was very largely attended.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

molify, Arabesk, molusk, sublimation, archipelago, etc.

Wolfe, C.M.G.), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mrs. W. T. Soudern, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. T. S. Chan, Mr. M. P. Talat, Mr. T. H. King, Captain Bloxham, Mr. D. H. Burroughs, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. P. Grant, Mr. D. H. Singh, Mr. M. Nemaze, Mr. T. Lynce, and many others.

Amongst the passengers coming to Hongkong by P. and O. liners are the following:

Khiva, left London on Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilling, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Trutman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Terry.

Malwa, left London on Jan. 25.—Mr. J. W. Alabaster, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Craig, Mr. J. R. Collis, Mr. Barrington Deacon, Mr. G. H. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin, and M. T. H. R. Shaw.

Naldora, leaving London on Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barber, Miss J. E. Hines.

Mores, leaving London on March 22.—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. H. G. Cooper, Mr. H. C. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt.

5 YEARS AGO

Fears that Germany may make efforts to extend her eastern boundaries are leading to a tightening of the rapprochement between Poland and the Soviet Union.

In evidence of this desire for closer relationship is an announcement by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Beck, is visiting Mr. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on February 13 for a discussion of their mutual problems.

Diplomatic relations between Hungary and the Soviet have been restored.



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INFRINGEMENT OF MILK TRADE MARK BY CHINESE DAIRY

Summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for having in their possession for sale or for purposes of trade or manufacture, milk bottles on which was a mark so nearly resembling the registered trade mark of the Hongkong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd., that it was calculated to deceive, the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy, of Nos. 7-9, Wun Sha Street, had a conviction registered against them and were ordered to pay costs, when the case concluded yesterday.

An order for the confiscation of the milk bottles was also made by the magistrate.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay represented the plaintiff firm, while the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy was defended by Mr. Hingshing Lo.

Evidence was given for the prosecution by Mr. George E. Ahwee, who said that he formerly traded on the Kowloon Dairy. The trade mark in question, a cow standing on two circles, had been used by his firm for about 15 years before registration, since 1911.

In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness said that he had been manager of the Kowloon Dairy since 1921. He could not, however, recollect whether the trade mark in question had been used by his firm before 1911. The Kowloon Dairy was registered in 1925.

Bottles Ordered. Witness said that since he had been appointed manager, milk bottles were ordered from the United States, and sometimes from local bottle manufacturers.

bottle bearing the trade mark in question.

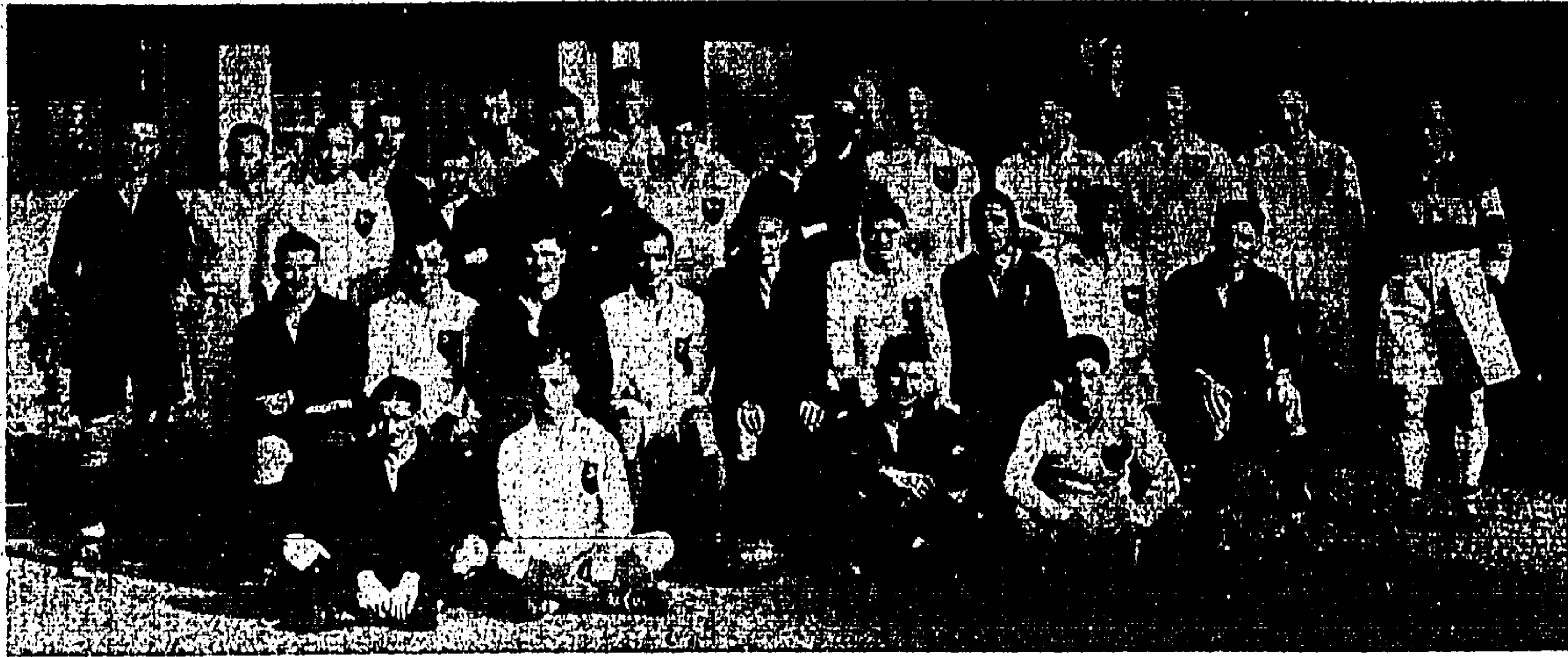
In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Mackinlay, defendant said that he had never attempted to register the trade mark on his bottles. He knew, however, that the Kowloon Dairy had registered this mark, and that they later sold out to complainant firm.

Mr. Mackinlay submitted that there had been an infringement, and asked for the conviction of defendants, who had used a trade mark that had been registered by his clients. This, he submitted, was sufficient to show that there had been such an infringement.

Mr. Hingshing Lo contended that he had proved by evidence that the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy had used this mark for many years in fact had used the mark before the complainant firm had made use of it. Although defendants had not registered the mark, they could not be accused of infringing it.

The magistrate held that defendants had a case to answer, and found it necessary to convict. He agreed with Mr. Mackinlay's submission that under Section 24 and Section 2 of the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, there had been a definite infringement, and registered conviction without a fine, but ordered defendants to pay \$100 as costs of the action.

MALAYA AND NAVY RUGGER FIFTEENS



Above are the players who took part in the rugby match between the Malaya R.U. and the Royal Navy on the Club ground at Happy Valley yesterday. The visitors won a hard-fought encounter by 17 points to six after leading 12-3 at the interval. The Malaya players are in white and the Navy men in black jerseys.—Photo by Mee Cheung.

MAGNIFICENT FORWARD PLAY GIVES MALAYA RUGGER WIN

Tourists Improve In Game with The Navy

(By "Fly-Hall")

Anyone who saw the Malaysians last Saturday and who saw them again yesterday must have appreciated the wonderful improvement all round. Due to injuries, the visitors had to field forwards as wing three-quarters and everyone will grant that Proctor and Bourne did wonderfully well.

The Malaya forwards yesterday played twice as well as on Saturday and their chasing of any and every ball paid them no end. Not one kick ahead, whether miskicked or intentional, took place but what were seen two or three forwards streaking after it, and generally they caught the Navy man in possession.

The score of 17 points to six in favour of Malaya gives a good indication of the general run of play.

Simpson, the scrum-half, was once more the key-man. He gave Talbot room enough to pass and no more. The latter was in no way to blame for his side's downfall, for he did as well as was allowed.

SKELTON SHINES

Outside of Talbot, the only other Navy three who looked like scoring was Skelton. On any occasion he was in possession, he looked dangerous. It was from a clever hesitating sidestep by him that Navy scored their first try, and he caught every Malaya three on the wrong foot. After side-stepping his man, he sent the ball straight through to pass to Askwith when confronted by Stevens.

Hardwicke, who came up here nursing injuries both in his shoulder and right knee, turned out at full back in the place of Harper, the visitors' captain. He played a clean safe game. Seldom did his kick go astray whereas his fielding was sure. Stevens, the Navy man, caught the ball all right but in attempting to gain much ground, seldom made touch.

Askwith was given very little chance and on more than one occasion, he had to take the ball at his feet and knock-ons resulted. Thomas, outside on the right, seldom saw the ball in attack and the same may be said in respect of Lt. Spittle.

A FINE TRY

Ewart, at stand-off half for Malaya, played a fine game. Few will forget his clean interception when the score stood at 12-3. The game was in the Navy half when the defenders heeled and Talbot's pass to Elliott was nicely taken by Ewart five yards from the line. He had scored before anyone knew what had taken place. His kicking was extraordinarily good, especially in the stage when Hardwicke was injured and had to leave the field. Lt. J. E. P. Pierce, playing for the first time in local rugby circles, let very few men past him but what there was a kick ahead. He on his part used the short punt to advantage.

Proctor, a forward, was played on the wing for the Malaysians and during the time Hardwicke was off, played at inside three with success. Bourne, another forward, had to fill a vacancy on the other wing and did extremely well.

One thing was noticed above all in this game, and that was that wherever the ball was a forward was always in the offing. No kick ahead was made without two or three forwards following up closely. They generally got the man in possession, and this was the factor which won

Cricket

Len Hutton Scores A Fine Century Rain Interferes With Match

Bulawayo, Feb. 7. Rain interfered with the match between the M.C.C. tourists and Rhodesia, and there was only sufficient time for the teams to bat one innings each.

The M.C.C. declared at 307 for five wickets, Hutton scoring 145 in a knock which was featured by grand driving and cutting. He was at the wicket for 160 minutes, and with Ames, who scored 47, added 118 for the fourth wicket.

Rhodesia were all out for 242. Marshall being top-scorer with 62. Wright took four wickets for 64 runs.—*Reuter.*

FLANAGAN UNABLE TO GET LEAVE

Miami, Feb. 1. Ralph Flanagan, one of America's outstanding swimmers, will not be able to participate in championship events at Honolulu even if he receives an invitation from the Hawaiian group, Steven Forsyth, his coach, said to-day.

Forsyth explained that his protégé would be unable to accept the offer to swim against leading Japanese swimmers because of the fact that he would not be able to obtain leave of absence from the University of Texas. The university would not grant him permission to leave since his departure for Honolulu would interfere with his studies. Thus a good event will not take place.—*United Press.*

Monte Carlo, beating R. Tanasecu, of Rumania, in the final 6-3, 11-9. Boususs won the New Year covered court tournament at St. Moritz, beating A. Lacroix the Belgian champion, in the final 6-4, 6-1. In the semi-final Lacroix beat M. D. Delofort 6-3, 8-10, 7-5, and Boususs beat W. C. Choy 14-12, 6-1.

CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN SHANGHAI INTERPORT RUGGER FIFTEEN

The Shanghai rugby team as selected, according to local sporting circles, represents a very well-balanced side and if it is not quite as strong as previous Shanghai fifteens there is no reason to believe it won't do well in the Colony.

The pack is more than useful and Hongkong may find it up against a set of very determined forwards. Spectators who watched the Club XV, which is almost the same side as the Shanghai team, against the combined Services team about a month ago, commented on how magnificently the forwards played and if the same form can be produced against the Colony local sporting circles declare that there is little doubt that the home team will be hard put to it to get the backs moving. It is trusted that the Shanghai sides will show more thrust and finish in their work. In recent weeks they have played well, but general inertia in rounding out move-

ments cost them many points. That they have the ability to play first-class rugby is not doubted but unless they decide to put their best foot forward from the start they may find themselves in several tight spots. The Shanghai team is due to leave for Hongkong on Sunday morning in the s.s. Tai Sang and is expected to return on February 24 or 25. The team chosen is as follows: W. H. B. Rice, P. J. A. Jones, A. G. White, I. F. Aucott, I. M. Hutchison; G. M. Mills, R. Laird; W. D. Pearson; J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne; R. O. J. Stewart, R. V. Reynolds; A. M. Kennedy (Captain), G. H. Reynolds and J. R. M. Warner. The reserves are J. W. M. Martin and R. H. Roe.—*Reuter.*

THIRD WIN IN WOMEN'S GOLF TILT

Filipino Girl Too Good For Her Foreign Rivals

Manila, Feb. 4. Dominga Capati, hefty Filipino golfer from the Calamba Sugar Estate in Canlubang, captured her third Philippine open golf championship in the running yesterday at the Manila Golf Course in Caloocan, defeating a field that included the best women golfing talent from Manila, Cavite and Stotsenburg. She scored the Caloocan course in 162 for the final 36 holes for an aggregate of 333 for the 72-hole competition, finishing 30 strokes ahead of her closest rival, Mrs. F. E. Chambers of Cavite.

Miss Capati shot the best round of the tournament yesterday morning when she posted a 79 for the morning 18 holes, she finished the outgoing nine in 39 and the incoming nine in 40 for a 79. In the final 18 holes she shot an 83.

LED ALL THE WAY

Leading by nine strokes at the conclusion of the first two rounds, the Canlubang golfer turned on the heat in the final 36 holes. Her 79 for the morning 18 was 10 strokes better than Mrs. Chambers' 89 which was second best for the morning and her 83 for the final 18 was 12 strokes better than Mrs. E. J. Sanders' 89 which was second best for the afternoon round.

In the morning round, Miss Capati shot a birdie three on No. 8 and shot 10 pars. She had nine pars on the last 18.

Following the concluding matches cups were presented to Miss Capati and Mrs. Chambers as winner and runner-up, respectively. Mrs. E. J. Sanders of Manila finished third with an aggregate score of 395.

Following are the complete scores of the championship competition:

| Player | 1st Round | 2nd Round | Total |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Dominga Capati | 83 | 79 | 162 |
| F. E. Chambers | 89 | 89 | 178 |
| E. J. Sanders | 91 | 94 | 185 |
| A. Hathaway | 99 | 90 | 189 |
| D. F. Blessean | 100 | 93 | 193 |
| A. F. Walker | 91 | 97 | 188 |
| A. F. Hewitt | 95 | 100 | 195 |
| C. F. Maynard | 95 | 99 | 194 |

Miss Dorothy Paget's Luck Now Turning

London, Jan. 23. After experiencing a lean period with her horses, the luck of Miss Dorothy Paget has taken a very welcome turn, the triple triumph she enjoyed at Newbury on January 20 being augmented when Silveo Miah achieved a most stylish victory in the Berkshire Hurdle on the 21st January. Silveo Miah had impressed when making his debut at Sandown Park, so much so that, in one of the best betting races of the season, he was favourite. All the way round Mages had Silveo Miah in proximity to the leaders, New Bedford and Gay Stone, making no attempt to go into the lead until between the last two hurdles. Wargrave II was in the rear for the first half of the journey, but when the hurdle was then made, and in the straight he began to rapidly overhaul the leaders.

Going to the final obstacle Silveo Miah and Wargrave II dominated the position, their jockeys riding with supreme confidence. Wargrave II came the better out of the jump, his rival making a slight peck on landing. Silveo Miah was smartly balanced, and at once there began a keen struggle between him and Wargrave II. Miah's lead was slight but on the last 50 yards, when Silveo Miah began to assert himself and win cleverly.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

SAILORS ESTABLISH BIG LEAD IN LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUE

SHANGHAI SOCCER TEAM EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE

Sequel To Fight On Field

Shanghai, Feb. 3. Drastic action was taken by the Committee of the Shanghai Football Association yesterday when the Kwang Lou football team and all its members were barred from further competition and their records in the Third Division and Cup Competitions struck out because of a fist fight last Sunday afternoon at Kiao Chow Park where they met the Public and Thomas' Hunbury School in a Tsz Ling Cup encounter. The game, it will be recalled, had to be abandoned about ten minutes before the finish when the players on both teams traded blows. Play was thus interrupted but after the situation had been pacified the Chinese side refused to carry on.

One of the School players was the first to fight but his action came after he had been illegally tripped, causing severe injury to his knee. Kwang Lou, according to eyewitnesses, resorted to rough play as soon as they sensed defeat, being 4-1 down at the time of the incident. Two players on the P.T.H. team, however, received grave caution from the S.F.A. These decisions were made yesterday afternoon when the Committee met in their weekly meeting in the office of the Secretary, Mr. Max Spiller. Official notice in regard to the case will be sent out to-day.

No Guarantee, No U.S. Trip, Says Cotton Golfer Stands By £2,000 Demand

By F. J. C. Pignon

London, Jan. 11. Henry Cotton denies a report from New York that he has agreed to play in the Masters' tournament at Augusta in March next.

"I may go to America for about two months this spring, and if I do the Masters' tournament will be one of the events in which I shall play, but I do not intend to make the journey, much as I would like to do so, unless my fee is guaranteed. If American promoters wish me to play in their tournaments, they must guarantee me a minimum of £2,000 for the tour. So far I have received many promises, but no definite guarantee. The offer is still open."

Cotton, who is probably the greatest drawing card in golf to-day, would undoubtedly attract big gate money in America. "Cotton could get more than £2,000 from gate money," says America, but Cotton does not mean to take any chances, but to insist that his six-weeks trip shall be remunerative.

George Jacobus, the president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, told a *Reuter* correspondent that his association were unable to offer any guarantee apart from one for travelling and expenses.

THE NEXT MOVE

It has been suggested that Cotton should meet Sam Snead, America's leading tournament player, in a "world championship" match. Cotton's attitude is that he does not mind.

The next move is with America. Cotton is willing even anxious, to play in American tournaments and matches in March and April, but he will return in good time for the Open

Defeat Middlesex By Odd Goal After Fine Match

Already five points ahead of their nearest rivals before the match started, the Royal Navy drew further away in the First Division of the Football League yesterday when they defeated Middlesex by the odd goal in three after a hard-fought game. As a result of this victory, the sailors are now seven points in the lead.

Yesterday's match was fast and exciting. Once again the Sailors' well-knit defence was prominent in the way in which it kept out the Middlesex forwards and enabled their own vanguard to concentrate solely on attack. And the opportunity came a few minutes from the interval when Thornburn broke through twice to give the Navy a two-goal lead at the change-over.

Actually, of course, the sailors were fortunate to lead by such a margin at half-time. The Middlesex players had had as much of the game, but they were prevented from scoring by the splendid work of Newby, Still and Dixon, who were definitely on top of the Middlesex attack. Nevertheless, the Midds had only themselves to blame on several occasions when they did break through; they had the goal-scoring chances, but did not make use of them.

DIXON BRILLIANT

Dixon, the Navy centre-half, celebrated his selection for the Interport team with another fine display, proving an obstacle which Taft, the Middlesex centre-forward, could never circumvent. Furthermore, he started many movements with judicious passes to his forwards, who could not complain of not being fed with the right passes.

Honeywell, another Interport selection, and Fisher, the two Navy wing-halves, contributed their share to a reliable defence, and at back Newby's first-time clearances and Still's determined tackling always succeeded whenever the halves failed.

Tribute must also be paid to the Middlesex defence, which was also in good working order. It was just as well for the soldiers that Sheehan, Freshwater, Thomas and Wilkinson were on top of their form, especially Sheehan, who often relieved pressure when his partner, Cooper, became shaky. The forwards, however, did not appear in the same favourable light.

QUICK GOALS

Exchanges were fairly even for the majority of the first half, but five minutes from the whistle Thornburn scored twice. Honours in the second half went to the Middlesex team, which pressed for long periods without result until Marable, receiving from Pearson, scored to reduce the deficit.

Although the soldiers tried hard to get on even terms, the solid defence of the Navy kept them out, and the game ended with the sailors winning by the odd goal.

Teams:

Navy—Dickenson; Newby, Still; Honeywell, Dixon, Fisher; Armstrong, Morrill, MacVicar, Thornburn and Hunt.

Middlesex—Jackson; Cooper, Sheehan; Freshwater, Thomas, Wilkinson; Pearson, Courtney, Taft, Saw and Marable.

Championship. He feels, however, that if promoters are sure that he will make more than £2,000 and expenses, free of tax, there should be no obstacle to offering a definite guarantee for that sum.

Cotton is probably the most highly paid professional in golf at present. He charges 60 guineas for an exhibition game in this country, and gets it, so that his demand for what appears to be a substantial sum for a six-weeks tour is not unreasonable.

Javanese In Manila Tennis Final

Samboedjo Defeats Leonardo Gavia

Manila, Feb. 3. Samboedjo Hoerip, champion and No. 1 ranking player of Java, outsmarted and outplayed Leonardo Gavia, the Philippines No. 1 ace, in the upper bracket semi-final match of 1939 P. I. International men's tennis singles championship yesterday afternoon at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Stadium. The local ace succumbed to the visitor in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 10-8.

Hoerip played a steady game and caught Gavia flat-footed on many wellplaced shots to the sides and to the baseline. Gavia played his usual fast and aggressive game, but everytime he rushed to the net Hoerip outsmarted him with lobs and cross-court shots.

Gavia was completely outclassed in the first two sets. In the third set, he put up a dogged battle only to lose after the set was extended to 18 games. Gavia led, 4-2, in the third set, but Hoerip rallied, tied the score at 4-all and took the lead when Gavia lost his service in the ninth. Gavia deuced it at 5-all, and from then on it was a bitter battle with the two players matching wits. Gavia led at 6-5, 7-6, and 8-7, but Hoerip would not give an inch and always came back to tie the score. Hoerip tied the count at 8-all and then annexed two games in a row to win set and match.

In the lower bracket semi-final, Feliciano Ampon, No. 3 ranking player, eliminated Juan Ladaw, ranking No. 4 player, in four sets, 6-1, 6-2, 5-7, and 6-6.

MORE RAPID QUALIFICATION RECOMMENDED

After discussing a circular sent out to the counties by M.C.C., the committee of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club decided to recommend to M.C.C. that classes of cricketers deserving of more rapid qualification than at present allowed are:

- (1) Amateurs on leave from abroad;
- (2) Undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge Universities;
- (3) Players not re-engaged by their present counties;
- (4) Young professionals who have made few or no appearances in county cricket.

Northamptonshire suggest that all these points should, however, be subject to the existing rules which enforce that there should first be an approach to the players' present counties.

R. P. Nelson has accepted an invitation to continue as Northamptonshire's captain.

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If a watch or clock has to be kept near an invalid, cover it with a glass tumbler, for it can then be seen without the ticking being heard by the patient.

After cleaning suede shoes with a rubber brush, rub them over with a piece of velvet, for it will greatly enhance their appearance.

Should the crown of a hat become stretched as to make the fitting too easy, substitute a strip of velvet for the usual silk lining, for the hat can then be worn without discomfort, even in a strong wind.

Paint spots that have been split on woodwork can easily be removed by rubbing them gently with a cloth dipped in warm vinegar.

Scorch marks on chair legs are best treated by taking two pads of cotton-wool and soaking one in insect oil and the other in methylated spirits. Rub with a circular motion, first with the spirit and then immediately with the oil, repeating the operation until the heat marks have disappeared.

Rub new picture cord with beeswax before fixing it to the picture and it will render the cord rot and damp proof, so avoiding any risk of it breaking.

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G. G. T.

Australian Cheese Scones

THESE scones are very tasty:—
Sieve 2 cups of flour with 2 teaspoons of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Rub in a small piece of butter and add ½ cupful of grated cheese.

Then stir in 1 cupful of buttermilk to make a fairly soft dough. Mix quickly and cut out the scones. Place them in a greased sheet and bake in a hot oven.

B. M.

Why Not Keep A Homework Chart?

IT is a good idea to measure your children's progress at school by keeping a special chart on which to record the amount of homework that they do each evening, the number of marks that they gain in various exercises and examinations, and other useful data which will prove both of interest and value in many different ways.

The chart should be quite easily made. On a sheet of stout cardboard print a list of your child's school subjects, and opposite each draw a long, horizontal column. At the right-hand side of the chart leave a vertical column for additional remarks.

Remember each evening to write up the amount and type of homework that your child has done. For example, you may write up "History, pages 41 to 44" or "Reading, pages 71 to 75." In this way you will have a complete record of each term's work, and this will be especially useful when examination time approaches and revision becomes necessary.

You should, of course, let the children know of the chart. The knowledge that their scholastic progress is being put on record will make them much more eager to do well at school. It will also show them that others in addition to their teachers are interested in their work.

J. G. I.

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1220

Two pretty frocks. The lace and georgette frock with sleeveless coat is in turquoise blue. Left, the single draped rever and angled seam in the graceful skirt are slimming fashion points.

These months there is a great deal of entertaining, dining out and family parties. So before you are overwhelmed by preparations, my advice is—give your new dress careful consideration, especially if your measures are above the average.

It's not just a question of choosing a style with lines going down if you are plump, and never wearing all-round stripes. More important is the fact that your dress must be becoming. Softening lines will help to melt the inches off your figure much more effectively; then, too, choice of material plays a large part.

Soft ring velvet or a satin back marocain are my choice of fabrics for No. 1219. That angled seam in the skirt from the waist will slim the hips, and the one-sided rever dresses up the bodice without giving a broadening line.

For a more dressy style you cannot do better than choose the lace and georgette dress with sleeveless coat, on the right; No. 1220.

Note the panels of lace on the skirt, which are also repeated in the bodice, where they are gently eased into the pointed V, so that there is no feeling of plainness or strain.

Sleeves are of lace and the sleeveless coat of georgette cut to well below the hips enhances the slenderising line.

I can see this party dress looking most attractive in royal blue, dahlia, and the new valley green.

Onion Souffle

BOIL six medium-sized onions with a carrot. Drain the onions well, and pass them through a sieve.

Put the puree into a saucepan and stir in an ounce each of butter and flour. Season to taste and simmer for quarter of an hour, stirring well.

Then stir in the yolks of two eggs, one at a time, taking care that the mixture does not boil. When it has cooled a little mix in lightly the stiffly whipped whites of three eggs.

Turn into a buttered soufflé dish and bake for half an hour.

B. M.

MERINGUE PIE

PUT a layer of meringues, broken up roughly, in the bottom of a crystal dish and coat them with a mixture of whipped cream and melted chocolate.

Then add another layer of meringues and so on till the dish is full, ending with a layer of whipped cream and chocolate. Sprinkle the top thickly with chopped, roasted almonds.

Perfume An Aid To Charm

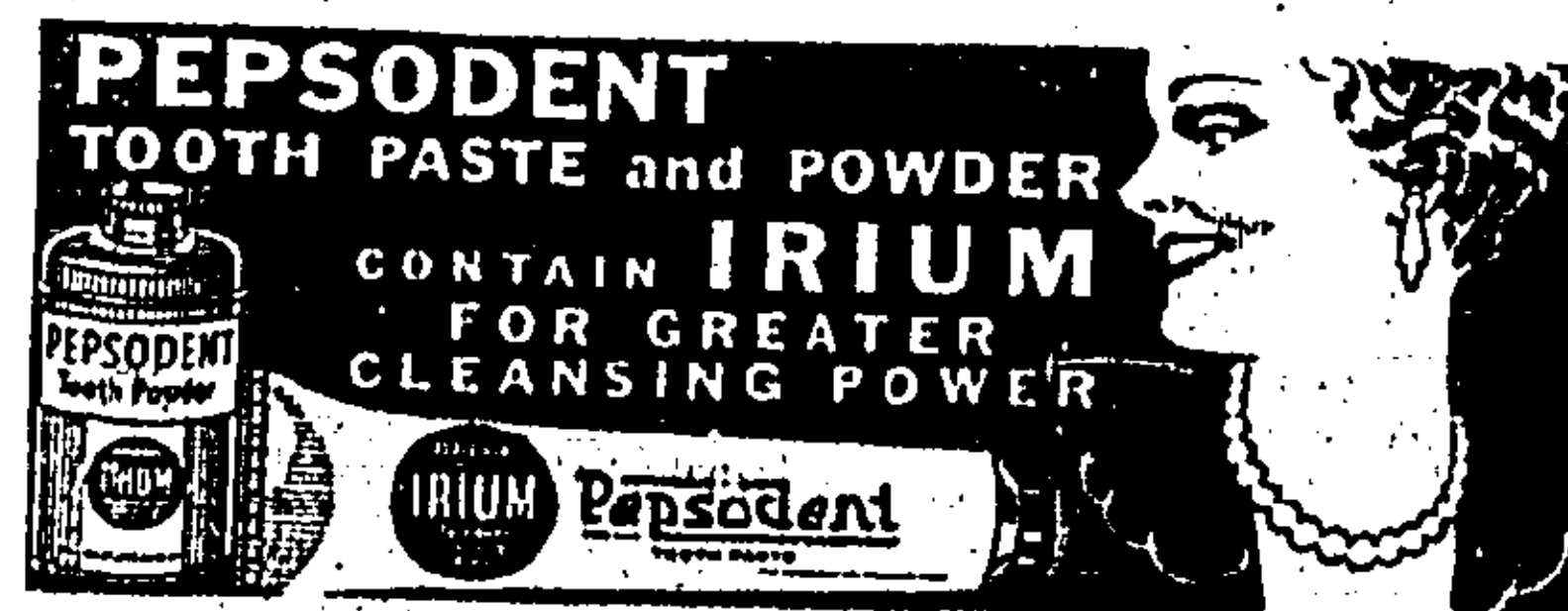
PERFUME, designed originally as kitchen or a man with a foul pipe in an aid to beauty, is apt to be the abused feminine trick.

Choose Carefully

There are women who have no sense of smell themselves and pour on perfume indiscriminately, or those who mix their scents wildly—violet, lavender soap and a dash of talcum, eau-de-Cologne behind the ears, perfume, made by a good firm, and then they go into warm dining-rooms where food is supposed to have first of all, and keeps it in a cool flavour and wine a bouquet, and place with the bottle firmly corked. She applies it only to such things as can be washed next day—to her skin, her handkerchief, and maybe a touch on her hair. She never pours it on her clothes, certainly not on essential part of a woman's charm. It suggested refinement feminine allure, and all that kind of thing.

To-day women should use perfume with artistry and with talent, and certainly with discrimination. For myself, I have such an appreciation of good food that I am inclined to think that heavy perfume is an insult to dining-room where his senses are good cooking. It spoils the enjoyment of people with sensitive palates, he does not want to smell extra-strong smell of cabbage from the

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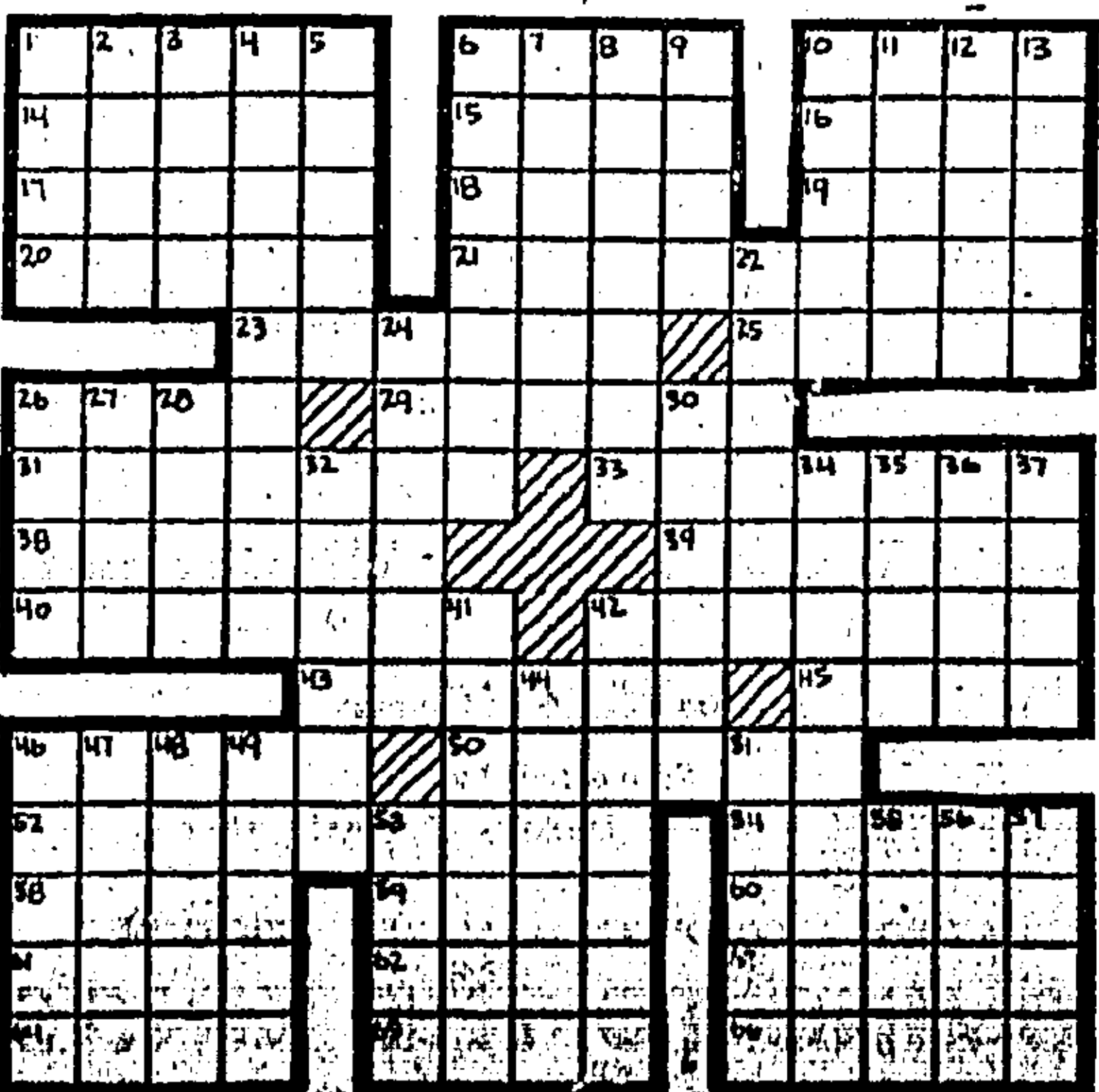
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Units of distance
- 2—British ruler
- 3—Dirty white color
- 4—Bound
- 5—Unusual
- 6—Lace intensely
- 7—Lancian seaport
- 8—Lethargic sleep
- 9—Latin
- 10—Only once more
- 11—Lie easily
- 12—Lapse of property
- 13—Withered
- 14—Knowledge gained by experience
- 15—Congregated
- 16—Divide into three parts
- 17—Lark
- 18—One who makes effort (scottish)
- 19—Fondle
- 20—Justly due
- 21—Ade in company
- 22—Story
- 23—Old fashioned
- 24—Conflict (coll.)
- 25—Break continuity of
- 26—Dunes
- 27—Sufficient (poetic)
- 28—Call to
- 29—Expression of pleasure
- 30—Obscure inscription
- 31—Sea-eagle

DOWN

- 1—Metric meter
- 2—Ruler
- 3—Tavern
- 4—Three-syllable measure
- 5—Common plant
- 6—Carrier of by
- 7—Get up
- 8—Violence
- 9—Persecution agent
- 10—Part of garment
- 11—Thin
- 12—Girl's nickname
- 13—Thin
- 14—Mountain nymphs
- 15—Detonating agent
- 16—Political leader of note
- 17—Where Napoleon was called
- 18—Unit of bodily structure
- 19—Large plant
- 20—Fondle
- 21—Grind
- 22—Grind
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- 30—Grind
- 31—Grind



A reffer, at left, with a notched collar of French heaver is interesting for its use of a double-faced fleece. The coat has a "built-in" self scarf. A cranberry red suede finish fabric makes the coat middle, which has a removable short-sleeved bolero bordered with black fur fabric. The off-face hat, right, with creased crown and grosgrain chin strap in matching felt, is worn with a new wrap coat with blouse back in saddle brown camel hair fabric. It is a general sports coat for bicycling, in navy, teal or camel colour. Ancona. It is completely lined with clean plaid for extra warmth.

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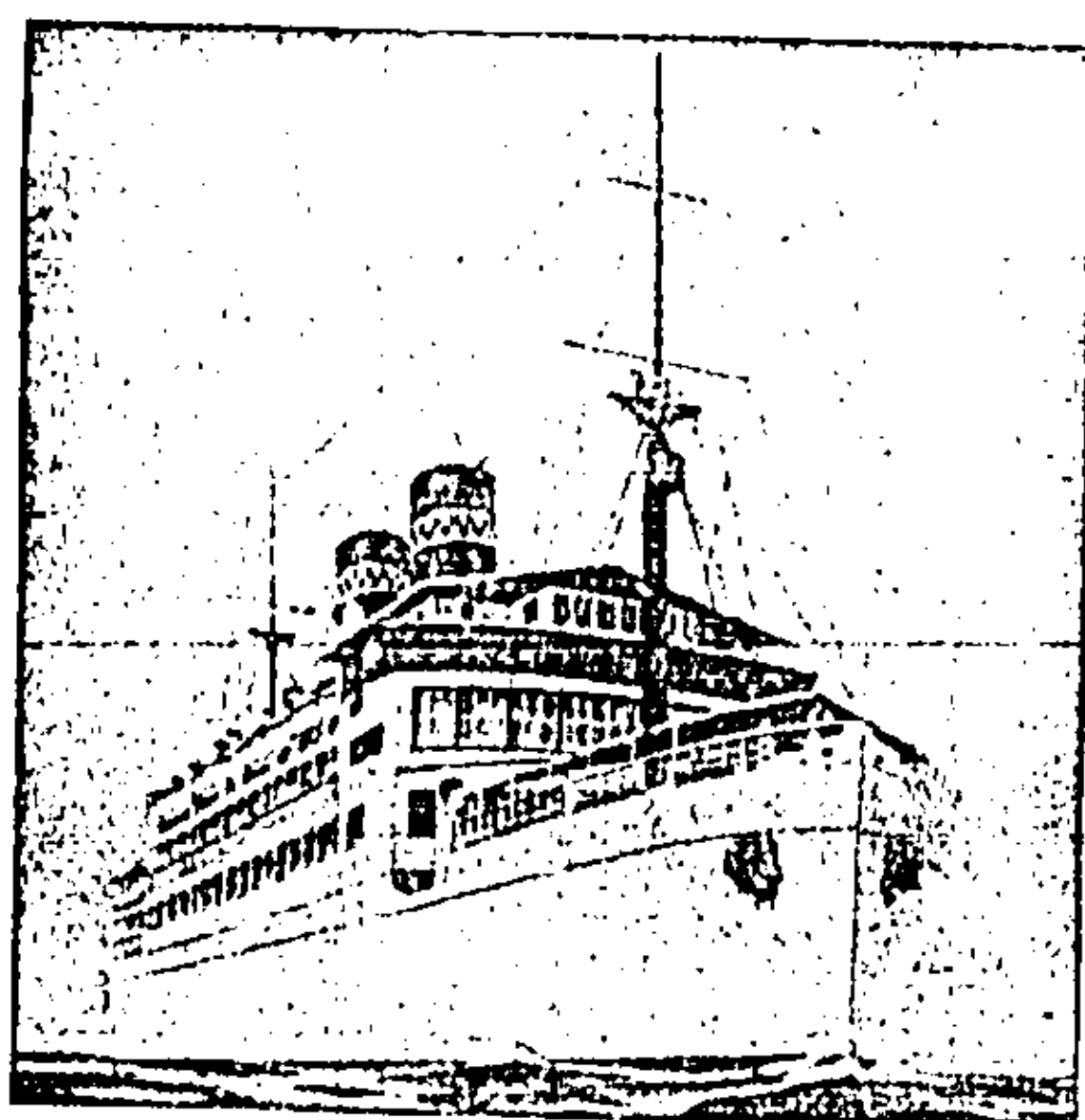
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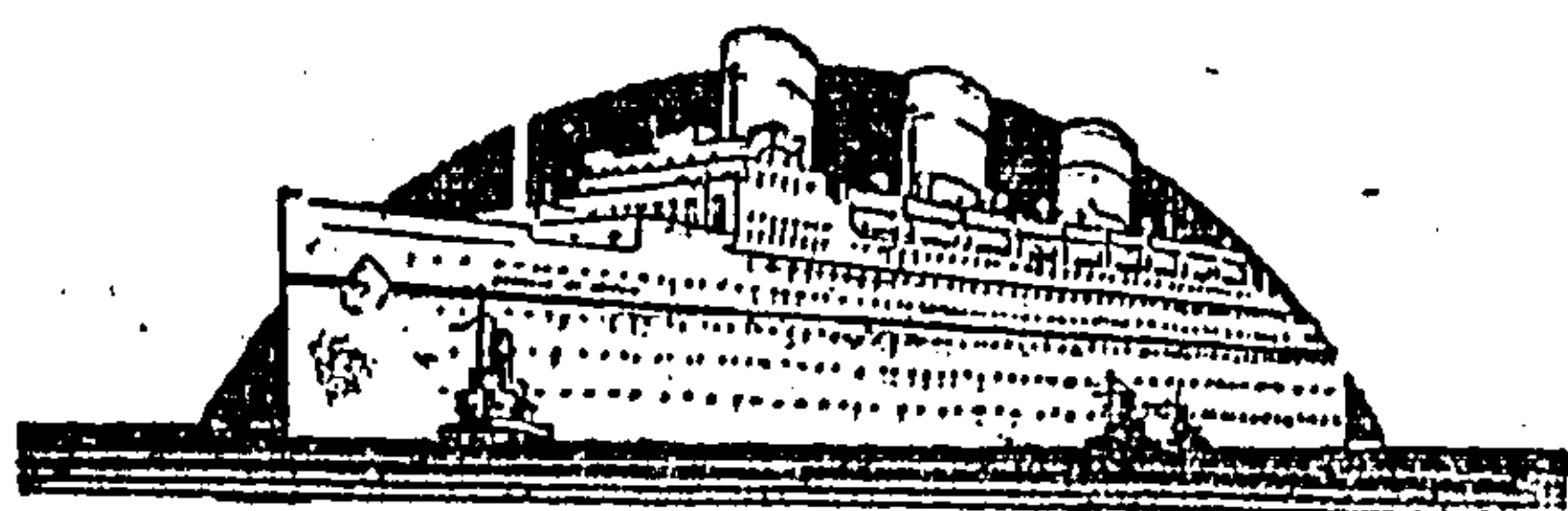
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PHOTO NEWS



This is the scene in the House of Representatives in Washington, as Speaker William B. Bankhead gave the oath to members of the 76th Congress. A spirit of independence not apparent in Congress for six years was clearly seen by political observers, who predicted that many hard-fought battles will punctuate the coming session. The session shown above was only 30 minutes long, but a special committee submitted a report indicating the present system of unemployment relief.



Recently farmer Fred Smith, right, discovered oil on his farm near St. Elmo, Ill., and sold a lease for \$50,000, with an excellent royalty forthcoming on the oil it produces. So Mr. Smith went out and bought seven automobiles, one for each of his six children and one for himself and his wife. That's his son Harold with him, at left.



A new X-ray machine, designed to operate at 1,070,000 volts, yet small enough for installation in existing hospital buildings, is being assembled, as above, at the General Electric Company's plant at Schenectady, N. Y. L. E. Dempster, left, and W. F. Westendorp are the designers. With a heavy lead shield it weighs 4,000 pounds.



Charming June Clyde, British screen and stage actress, tries out the latest of sports, snow-scootering, while spending a vacation at St. Moritz, Switzerland. One of her playmates in the famed winter resort has been Count Curt Haugwitz-Reventlow, estranged husband of the former Barbara Hutton, five-and-dime heiress.



Yoshimiko Kawashima, Manchurian princess known as the "Mata Hari of Japan," the nation's cleverest spy, shot and killed in Tientsin by Chinese patriots, according to a report from Chungking, China. Killers were believed to have trailed her from Hongkong where she had met Japanese leaders in connection with plans to set up a new Japanese Central Government in China. She was the daughter of Prince Su of the old Chinese court.

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The new flag shows, on a blue
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corner and on the right half a peacock in natural colours, set in a circle
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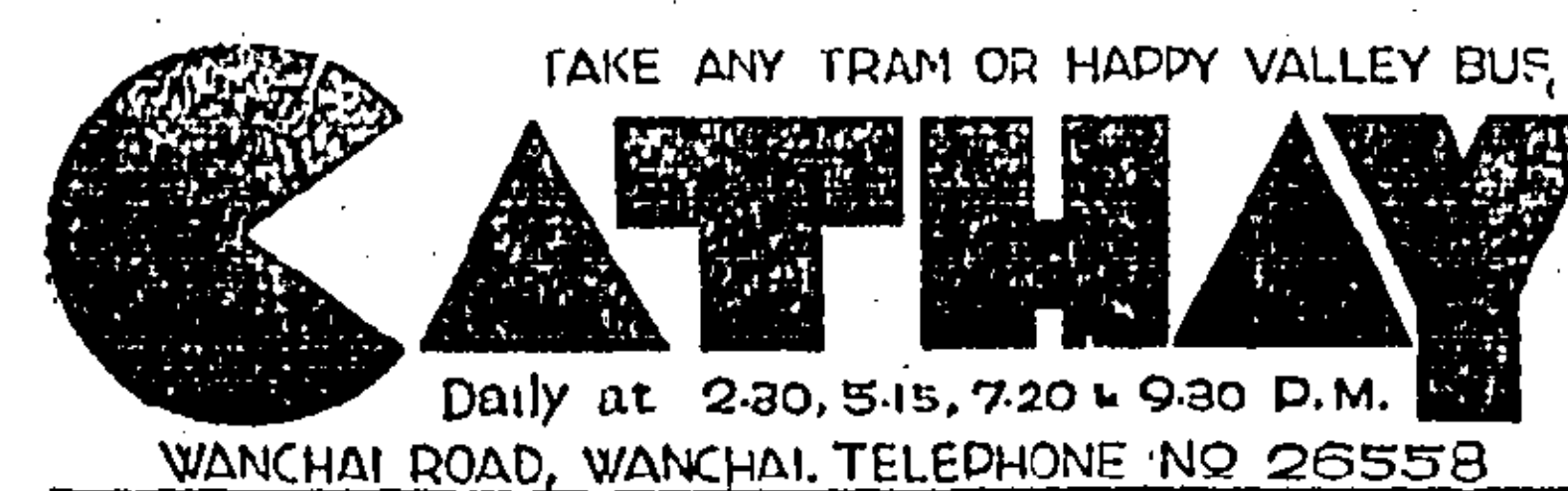
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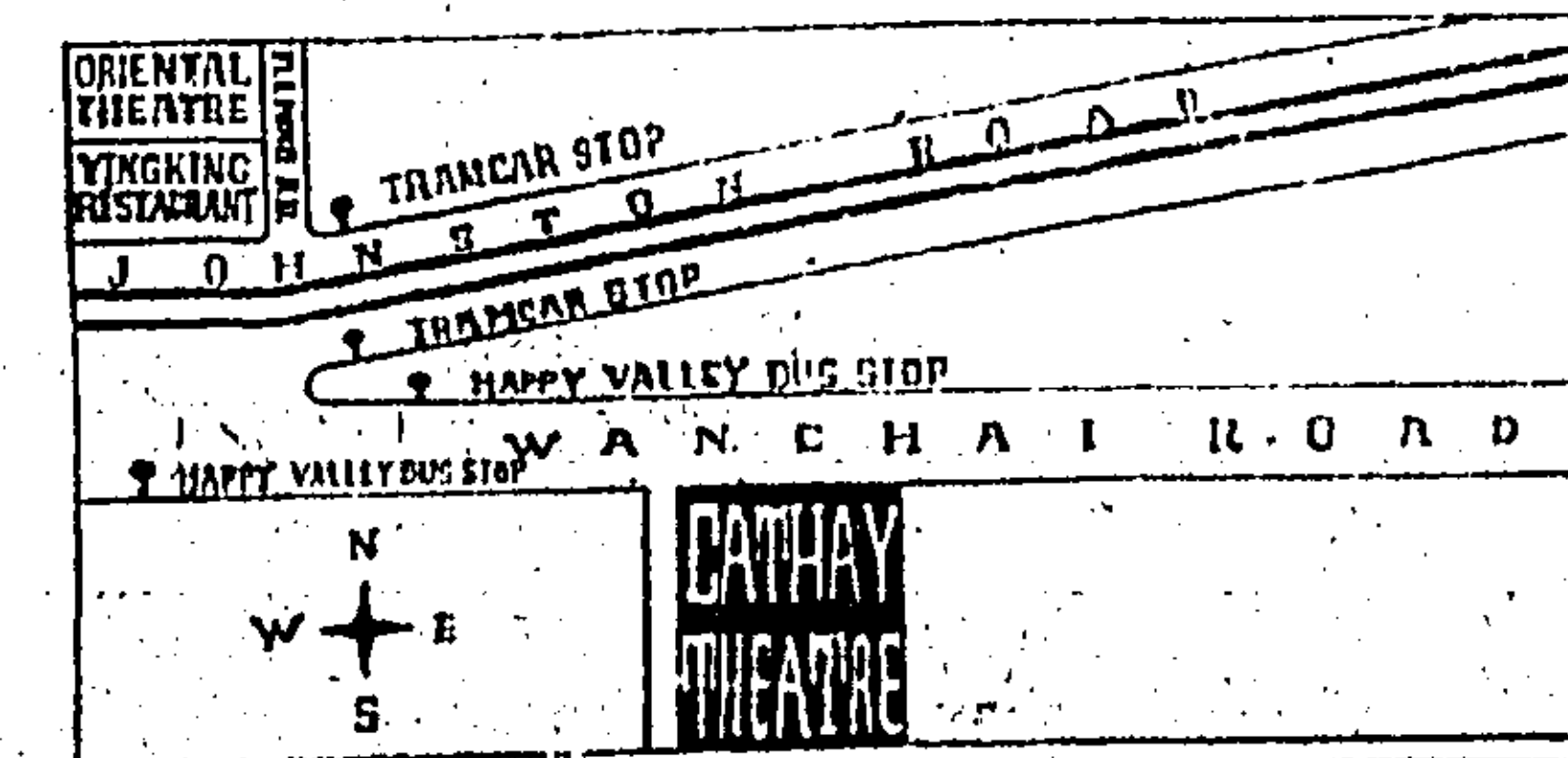
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INSURANCE CLAIM

Question Of Alterations In List Of Goods

Witnesses of the plaintiff firm gave evidence regarding the prices of various sea foods and the drafting of the claim, when the hearing of the \$30,000 insurance claim against China Underwriters, Ltd., was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Witnesses of the Cheong Shing Hong firm, and they claim \$30,000, being the ratable proportion to be borne by defendants of the loss suffered through fire. The defence is that out of the 137 items set out in the claim, 127 are fraudulent, and benefits under the policies are, therefore, forfeited. They further allege that some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. The defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marlon of Deacons.

Lo Ka-min, assistant salesman of the Cheong Shing Hong firm, said he was familiar with the prices of various marine foods. He detailed the prices for various qualities and sizes of sharks' fins, seaweed, awabi, fungus, fish sinews, fishes, mushrooms, salt water grass and native cotton.

Witness said he had glanced at the statement of claim when it was drawn up, and had discussed the prices written in with some of the sales of the firm. In his opinion, they were reasonable, fair market prices. A rough draft was first made by Leung Yiu-chi, accountant of the firm, and later a fair copy was made.

Books Handled Over
Leung Yiu-chi said that a few days after the fire which destroyed the godown, a Mr. Ho came to see him with two other men, one of whom was a European and whom witness understood was the assessor. Witness was asked for the stock book of the godown by Ho. Altogether four books were handed to Ho, two from the godown and two from the firm. He asked that a foki be sent from the firm to assist in making up the accounts, and witness was sent.

On arrival at China Underwriters, Ltd., he was invited into an office, and there asked to take extracts from two books. During the time he was in the insurance office, he did not discuss the claim much with Ho. After the rough draft of the claim had been made out, witness took it back to the firm with him, and worked on it with the assistance of the salesman and the canvasser. Mr. Wong Yun-tong, his employer, had a look at the claim on January 10.

The claim was sent to the insurance company, and witness also went there later. He asked witness where he had got the weights from, and witness told him they were from the weight and price book in the firm's office. He then said there were 10 or 20 items that were wrong, and on looking at them, witness agreed.

Witness explained that the errors were made because he had made the draft of the claim in a hurry, as Ho said he wished to go to Canton. Had witness had more time to draw up the claim, the errors would not have occurred, he declared. He denied that the errors were deliberately made.

Witness was taken over several of the items altered, and said that the alterations were made when it was discovered that the prices of articles claimed were more than first estimated, and they were accordingly corrected. There were other items in which the prices first put in were later reduced.

The hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. to-day.

Adelaide, Australia.
Because of the superstition among jockeys against wearing death colours, the Victoria Racing Club has refused to register a white skull and crossbones against a black jacket as the racing colours of a local owner. He wanted them for the jockey who would ride his steeple chaser named Pull-Bearer.

LATE NEWS

Italy's Terms Stiffen

Rome, Feb. 7.
The semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" this evening publishes an article by the editor, Signor Gayda, enumerating the four conditions which, he says, must be fulfilled before Italian volunteers can be withdrawn from Spain.

They are as follows:
1.—Complete demobilisation and dispersion of Spanish Loyalist troops who have retreated into France, and who would otherwise constitute a danger to the stability of insurgent Spain.

2.—Restriction of the activities of Spanish Loyalist leaders who have fled to France, and whose presence in that country is, in itself, anomalous.

3.—Unconditional capitulation of "Reds" both inside and outside of the Spanish frontiers.

4.—The return of stolen Spanish art treasures which have been transferred to France, and the return of gold belonging to the Bank of Spain.

Signor Gayda again stresses that no difference can be made between the political and military victory of General Franco, whose political triumph has invariably been the goal of his entire military action.

PREMIER'S DECLARATION
Referring to Mr. Chamberlain's declaration on Anglo-French solidarity, the paper observes that nobody in Italy has ever doubted that in the event of war Britain would be on the side of France. The only doubt existing in Italy, says Signor Gayda, is whether the British Government is, under all circumstances, prepared to support the intransigent policy of Chamberlain's policy, and which may lead to international conflicts—Trans-Ocean.

Youth's Good Action

Catches Man Alleged To Be A Robber

Standing at the junction of Tai Wan Road and Mau Tau Wai Road, Hungnam, on January 25, a 16-year-old boy named Hui Tak-sing saw one man chasing another. Learning that the pursued man was an alleged robber, Hui joined in the chase and managed to stop him by throwing an arm round the man and pulling him to the ground.

As a sequel, Tsang Kam, 28, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence, with two others not in custody.

Sub-inspector J. Edwards prosecuted, and after evidence had been given by the complainant, those who took part in the arrest, and by the police, defendant was committed to the forthcoming Criminal Sessions. Tsang neither gave evidence nor made any statement.

It was stated that on the afternoon of January 25, a 58-year-old widow, Fung Yui, was walking in Tai Wan Road when a man approached her and catching hold of her by the throat forced her to the ground. Another two men, one of whom was alleged to be defendant, came up, and as one knelt on the woman the other took her leather purse, which was in a girdle round her waist.

The three robbers then ran away, and were chased by Fung who was unable to catch up with them. In the course of her pursuit of her attackers Fung was passed by a motor lorry, the occupants of which learned from her what had happened. The lorry continued on its way, and those on it caught sight of two running men. Shouts directed to pedestrians to detain them proved fruitless, but a coolie left the lorry and ran after one of the men. After a short chase, he was aided by the 16-year-old boy who caught the defendant.

Complainant identified him as one of the three men who had robbed her.

CHUNGKING COUNCIL

Members Leave Colony By Plane

Seven members of the People's Political Council, Chang T.-lin, Wang Yun-wu, Li Shien-keng, Hsu Chuang-lin, Yang Tse-yi, Cheng Shueh-ngao and Wu Chih-mei left the Colony by plane for Chungking yesterday to attend the third plenary session of the Council scheduled for the middle of this month.

Madame Herman Liu, another member of the Council staying in Hongkong, is unable to go because of pressure of personal affairs. Before their departure, the members had a private meeting exchanging opinions on the important questions they will discuss at Chungking.

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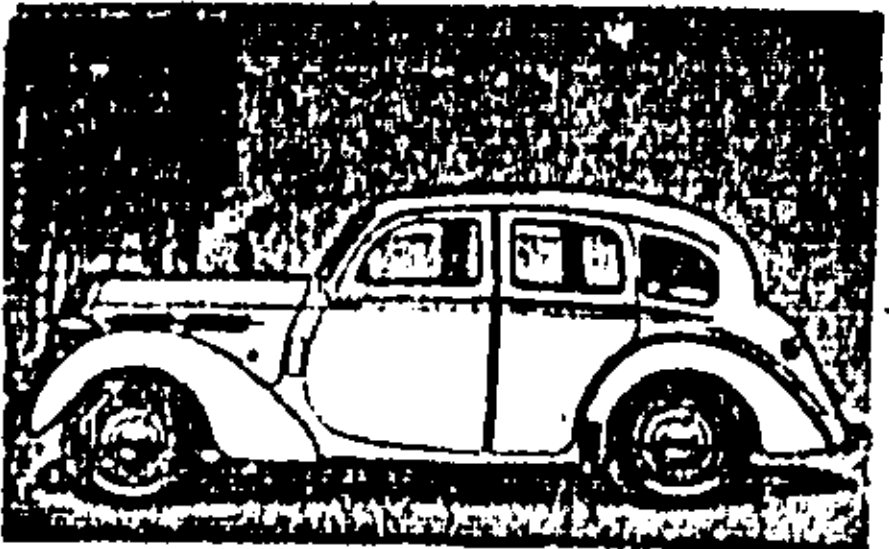


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Huge Appropriation to Be Sought in Congress
Washington, Feb. 8.
The Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives is introducing a measure to-morrow authorising the immediate increase of the army air force from 2,320 to 5,000. The Bill authorises the expenditure of \$387,000,000 and is part of President Roosevelt's \$552,000,000 requested for his emergency arms programme.
It is believed that the plane building programme will begin immediately at an estimated cost of \$300,000,000. The Bill also provides for student training colleges, hoping to create a reserve of 20,000 technicians and pilots. It also provides for \$23,750,000 for reinforcing the Panama Canal defences—United Press.

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LANCASHIRE'S "WORST YEAR"

LONDON, Feb. 7.
LAST YEAR was the worst for Lancashire cotton and piece-goods exports for 90 years, and the worst for yarn exports, apart from the war years, since the cotton famine in the early 60's.

This description is contained in the report of the Joint Committee of the Cotton Trade Organisations.

The output of cotton yarn fell by 22 per cent., piece-goods by 25 per cent., and yarn exports by 28 per cent. compared with 1937.

The fall in the output of piece-goods for the home market was almost as great. British trade in piece-goods increased in only four markets, notably Hongkong, where this was largely due to the diversion of trade from Chinese ports.

Exports to China and Hongkong, taken together, rose by 18 per cent.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH SOLIDARITY WITH FRANCE ON FIRM BASIS

LONDON, Feb. 7.

THE EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY adjournment of the House of Commons yesterday prevented crystallisation of parliamentary opinion regarding Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of British solidarity with France.

To-day, opinion was readily available, and it was obvious from the comments of representative men of all sections of the House of Commons that the declaration received general approval.

In effect, the various opinions expressed is that in view of the doubts which appear still to exist in some countries regarding the attitude of the British Government in the circumstances envisaged in yesterday's question, Mr. Chamberlain's announcement had to be made without further delay, and in the opinion of some, it was months overdue.

DEMOCRACY'S LINE-UP

The view is taken by nearly all parliamentarians that the statement is a proper complement to the more definite clarification of American opinion which has been visible lately.

The Labour opposition go even further, and urge that a step should be taken to secure closer relations between all the democratic nations, especially with the United States.

CHUNGKING CIVILIANS EVACUATE

Protection Against Terror Air Raids

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7.
IN VIEW OF the possible indiscriminate bombing of Chungking like that of Kweichow and Wanhai, the forcible evacuation of civilians is continuing.

Wives and children of government officials are classed as civilians.

The police have assisted all houses and shops to place a number of sandbags in the front entrances to extinguish flames. Dig-outs are being constructed in all open grounds and many private gardens.

The population of Chungking, which was 600,000 after the fall of Hankow, will soon be reduced to 300,000.

LEAVE AT DAYBREAK

A thousand women, children and old men are regularly taking refuge in the suburbs every day. They leave the city at daybreak for the various mountainside spring resorts and rivers for safety, and return in the evening for dinner.

Buses, horses, donkeys, sedan chairs, sampans and rickshaws are seen making good money every day transporting the refugees back and forth.

All houses and hotels in the famous hot-spring resorts and nearby towns are filled to capacity.

New "Air Defence" residential houses are being built for the rich.

FOREIGNERS UNPERTURBED
Chinese business circles particularly are worrying, but the foreign community here, estimated at 400, appear to be unperturbed.

Representatives of the Soviet "Asia Motion Picture Trust" are as busy as usual posting the streets with big advertisements, while the Chungking offices of the United Aircraft and Diesel are carrying on business as usual, not even thinking it necessary to take pre-emptive measures.

The same spirit appears among Chinese Government officials and military leaders, most of whom have experienced severe bombing in Shanghai, Hankow, and on many other fronts.

The National Relief Commission has already established six emergency hospitals, preparing for air raids which are considered certain.

Widespread satisfaction is expressed that this gesture has been made to France now, and the strengthening of relations with France is consequently treated as an inevitable result.

In Government back-bench quarters, which recently have been highly critical of the Government's policy, there is an unqualified chorus of approval.

OPPOSITION APPLAUDS

The best evidence that the statement had a substantially good parliamentary effect is found in the decision of the opposition not to pursue the matter for the present. Recently they had been pursuing every Government declaration with the greatest energy.—*Reuter*.

Chiang's Grip Tightened Appointed President Of New Council

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7.
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that the Central Executive Committee has elected Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President of the Supreme National Defence Council, which is the highest organ in war-time China, coordinating party, military, and Government affairs.

It is stated that the Council will comprise 60 members, and 11 "Standing Members," whose meeting forms the Council's presidium.

It is added that the eleven standing members are the Presidents of the five Yuans of the National Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the President and vice-President of the Government, and three members of the standing committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

It is also stated that the standing committee to-day appointed General Chang Chun as secretary-general of the Supreme National Defence Council.—*United Press*.

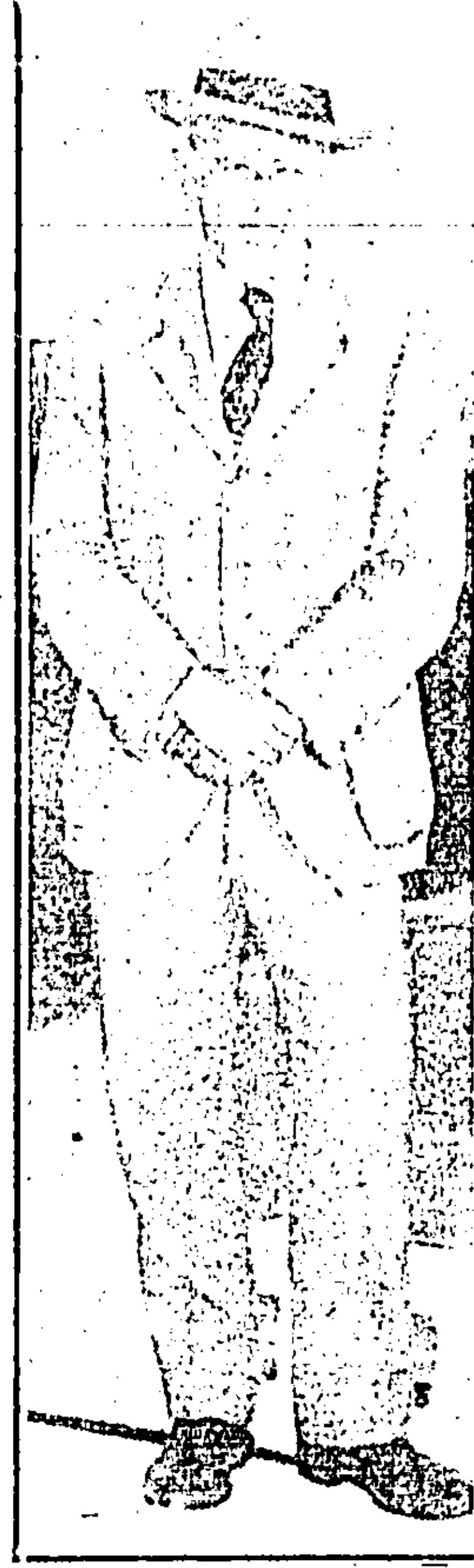
SUPREME COUNCIL

Chungking, Feb. 8.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is concurrently President of the Supreme National Defence Council organized in accordance with a resolution of the Fifth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee held here recently.

General Chang Chun is Secretary-General of the Council.

Under the Council is a Standing Committee of eleven members, who are the Presidents of the five Yuans.

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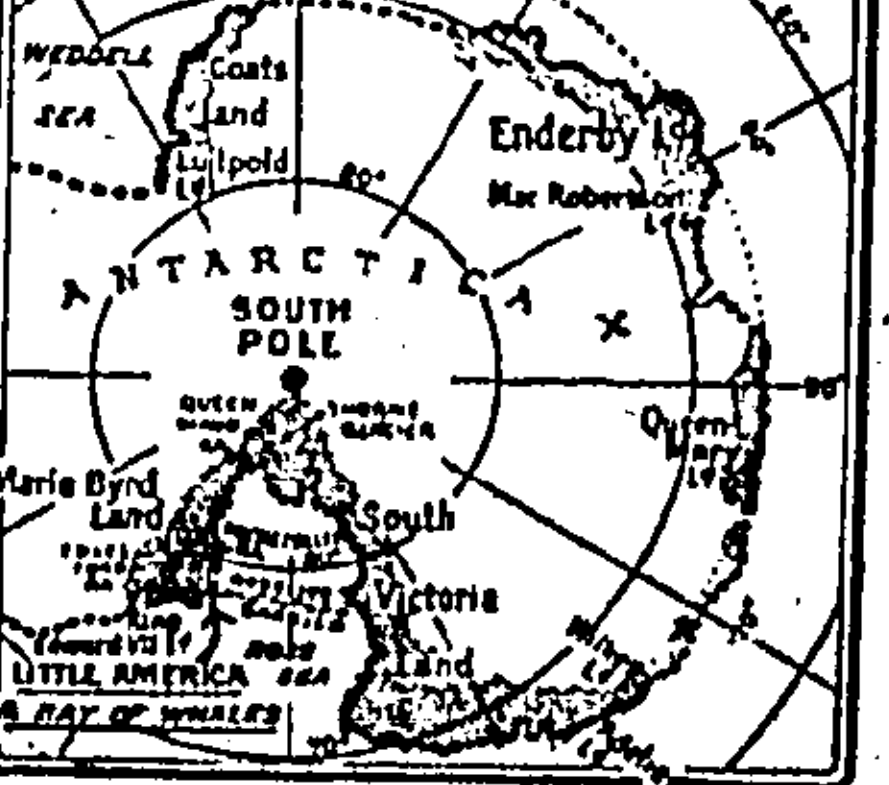
8,000 Miles Of Polar Land Is Discovered

HOBART, Feb. 7.
A FULL REPORT OF THE discoveries in Antarctica by Lincoln Ellsworth, famous American explorer, and Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Australian, has now been made.

Eighty thousand miles of country never seen before by human eyes have been added to the world's surface, and have been claimed by Ellsworth on behalf of the United States.

From the fringe of the Antarctic Ellsworth flew south to a point where he could see as far as latitude 74.30 south from his position on longitude 79 east. His altitude in flight was nearly 12,000ft. and visibility was perfect. He could see at least 150 miles on each side of the plane.

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The cross marks approximately where new land has been surveyed from the air. Other known land in the Antarctic zone is shaded.

"After leaving the hills of the coastal belt that thrust their dark, snowfree tops through the barriers of ice, the whole area as far south as we could see, slopes gradually upward to an altitude of approximately 11,000ft. and continued on to the Pole," Ellsworth reported.

"It took our ship five hours to reach the spot from which we took off. The ship was constantly endangered by icebergs, which threatened to topple over and sink us. Ugly rocks poked up ahead, sometimes others were a few inches below the surface and only visible from the masthead.

LIMITED RUNWAYS
Finally we found some flat ice offering a short run-way, but an easterly wind arose of almost gale force, pounding the ship against the ice. Then a huge iceberg appeared.

The Position In Spain

ARMISTICE PLAN REJECTED: CIVIL WAR TO CONTINUE

LONDON, Feb. 7.

THE SPANISH LOYALIST GOVERNMENT has rejected the Insurgent demands for an unconditional surrender, and has rejected the Anglo-French pleas for peace.

It announced that it would return to Valencia to carry on the war in southern Spain.

The Embassy in London

announced to-day that Dr. Negrin was determined to fight to the end in the Madrid and Valencia zone—

nine provinces of about 17,000 square miles of rich territory—with General Miaja's central army.

MONTHS OF FIGHTING

It is reported that the Premier intends to leave one or two Ministers in France to settle the refugee problem.

The projected return of the Government to Valencia indicates that the 30 months-old war will be continued for weeks, possibly months.

General Miaja commands nearly 400,000 well-trained troops for the defence of Madrid, Valencia, Cartagena, and Alicante.

Meanwhile Insurgent military leaders scoff at the announcement of a Loyalist stand in the southern zone, and assert that General Franco will end the war with victory within six or eight weeks.—*United Press*.

FIGUERAS FALLS

Perpignan, Feb. 7.
The Insurgents have captured Figueras and Rosas, the latter being 12 miles below the French frontier, and where the Insurgents forced the Loyalist fleet to evacuate to seek refuge either in French ports, or to attempt to cruise down the coast to Valencia and Cartagena.

Meanwhile it is reported that Loyalist morale in central Spain is cracking, and that a definite collapse of the Loyalist cause might be near.

Travellers said that the Insurgents might reach the frontier opposite Le Perthus and Cerbere to-night, thus closing the last highways to France.

EFFORTS AT ARMISTICE

British and French diplomatic envoys have sought to arrange an armistice, and it is reported that the Loyalist leaders now insist only that there should be no reprisals.

It is reported that receipt of the news of the cracking of morale in central Spain has caused the apparent indecision of Dr. Negrin and other Loyalist leaders in the frontier region, who were conferring regarding the advisability of establishing new headquarters in the central region, and who are now conferring with the British and French regarding a possible armistice.—*United Press*.

108,000 REFUGEES

Paris, Feb. 7.
The number of refugees from Catalonia up to Tuesday forenoon was estimated at 108,000.

However, it is not expected that the bulk of the Loyalist army will cross the frontier before Wednesday.

The last gold and silver reserves of the Bank of Spain arrived in eleven motor lorries at the French frontier near Le Perthus this morning. The motor lorries were crowded with refugees and their luggage, among which, customs officers discovered numerous cases containing gold and silver bars, the value of which is (Continued on Page 4.)

MESSAGE FROM KULING

RESIDENTS ALL SAFE AND WELL

But Evacuation Of All Impossible

HANKOW, Feb. 8.

THE U.S. GUNBOAT OAHU, is leaving here for Kuling at 9 a.m. to-day with Mr. B. MacDermott, the British vice-Consul, and Mr. J. Davies, the American vice-Consul aboard.

It is understood that the gunboat will remain at Kuling until the situation at Kuling has been cleared up.

Although it is learned here that instructions have not yet been received from the British and American governments regarding the evacuation of refugees from Kuling, the Japanese military authorities at Kuling are understood to have been informed that complete evacuation of all foreigners from Kuling would be practically impossible.

The reason given, it is stated, is that the age and health of many of those living in Kuling makes such a move impracticable.

The Japanese military authorities are understood to be considering the new situation created by this information.

While the British gunboat, Ladybird (625 tons) is still unable to contact Kuling, messages which have been passed through the lines around the mountain resort state that all foreign residents are safe and well.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE PLANES DROP LEAFLETS

Shanghai, Feb. 8.
Foreigners still residing in Kuling, and cut off by Chinese irregulars, were greatly alarmed on Tuesday, when Japanese planes dropped leaflets informing them that Japanese troops would attack the Chinese irregulars surrounding Kuling within the next few days.

The Japanese ultimatum expires on February 10.—*Trans-Ocean*.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

Dramatic French Plea For Peace In Europe

PARIS, Feb. 7.

REFERRING TO FRANCE'S relations with America, M. Georges Bonnet to-day said that during the past few weeks they had maintained close contact with the American Government, which understood them well.

He added: "Our three democracies are conscious of their material and moral force; they know their place on earth and in history; they know their economic power, and they know that no nation can impose its politics on them; but this friendship does not constitute, and does not want to constitute, a menace to anybody.

"It desires only peace and the development of three large nations. No nation, large or small, can think that the U.S.A. nations hold any hostility towards them."

ASSURANCE TO GERMANY
Referring to Herr Hitler's statement of January 30, that Germany did not want to export National Socialism, Mr. Bonnet said: "We can also give the same assurance. Democracy has no intention of using propaganda, still less aggression."

The Foreign Minister said that he spared no effort to dispel the misunderstanding between Italy and France, and he expressed the belief that the will of the two peoples invited Franco-Italian friendship.

"I cannot imagine Italy committing an act of aggression against France," he said. "The two nations are linked by blood, language, and culture."

"THAT GREAT FRIEND"
M. Bonnet stressed that the Government could not see any foreign Government threatening Spanish integrity. Italy had assured Britain that she has no territorial aims in Spain, and France simply wanted to see that such an undertaking was kept.

Mr. Bonnet referred to the aggressive attitude during the past few

Rail Traffic Interrupted Guerillas Tear Up Lines In North

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8.

Railway communication between Peiping and Tientsin has been disrupted as a result of Chinese guerrilla activities, a Tientsin message states.

The guerrillas tore up many rails at Langfang, midway between Peiping and Tientsin, on Monday night. Japanese reinforcements arrived yesterday morning and engaged in heavy fighting with the guerrillas.

According to a report from Chungking, Chinese guerrillas operating along the Peiping-Hankow Railway have damaged 38 Japanese locomotives, 142 wagons, 3,000 sleepers, and 14 bridges and killed a large number of Japanese soldiers during the last week.—*Central News*.

weeks that the Franco-British entente was not so close as it seemed, and added: "I leave the reply to Mr. Chamberlain, that great friend of our country."

Mr. Bonnet then quoted, amidst prolonged cheers, Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, and added: "No doubt you understand the full meaning of this declaration."

All parties, except the Socialists, cheered when Mr. Bonnet ceased speaking.—*Reuter*.

WANDERING ROMEO IS SEARCHING FOR A NURSE

Now He Has Vanished

BELFAST.

SOMEWHERE in Britain, a slim, handsome, 26-years-old "Polish Romeo" is looking for a nurse. But he is required here to answer a charge of contravening the Aliens Act by entering the United Kingdom without a passport.

Wife Dies In Ice Rescue

AN aircraftman's 21-years-old wife lost her life recently when she tried to save a boy who had fallen through the ice covering a disused reservoir at Sherburn Hill, near Durham.

The boy was rescued by the woman's father.

Mrs. Bertha Thompson, former girl guide and Brownie leader, was passing the reservoir with her parents when she heard screams.

She saw 10-year-old Joseph Turnbull clinging with his fingers to the edge of the ice.

Mrs. Thompson ran out to help the boy and was within a few feet of him when the ice gave way and she disappeared.

After diving three times, a youth Joseph Kenney, succeeded in bringing Mrs. Thompson to the surface, but when other helpers, using a ladder, got her to the bank she was dead.

Aircraftman J. R. Thompson learned of his wife's death when he returned home from Christmas festivities at Usworth aerodrome, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Thompson leaves a son, aged seven months.

KILLED TRYING TO SAVE BROTHER
When 45-year-old Michael Boham, of Elm Park, Essex, fell on the line at East Ham railway station, his brother, Gerald, an aircraftman,

He is Leon Appelbaum, a textile worker from Poland, and his quest was mentioned here recently when he failed to appear for the resumed hearing of his case.

A statement said to have been made by Appelbaum was read by a police witness. This said that Appelbaum had fallen in love with a nurse in a London hospital, but had lost trace of her.

He crossed to Bray, Eire, to look for her, and his search had brought him to this city.

Head Constable Murphy, who prosecuted recently, said that the matter had been adjourned while Appelbaum's case was referred to the Home Office, which had directed that an application be made to the court for the issue of a deportation order.

APPLIED FOR PASSPORT
Mr. Leslie Morris, Appelbaum's solicitor, said that no trace of him could be found here.

"This man is a Polish Romeo looking for his Juliet," Mr. Morris said.

"His bailman is a stranger and went security out of the goodness of his heart."

Head Constable Murphy said that Appelbaum had applied at Liverpool for a passport a few days ago, but he was not arrested because he was then on bail.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight in the hope that Appelbaum would return to answer the charge.

Except after him and tried to pull him clear of an oncoming train.

Gerald was killed, Michael was taken injured to East Ham Memorial Hospital, where he was stated later to be comfortable.

Vicar Weds At 72

The 72-year-old vicar of Ashington, Northumberland, the Rev. Samuel Davidson, was married at Newcastle-on-Tyne recently to Miss Edith Waller, aged 33.

Miss Waller is the daughter of a former vicar of Longhirst, a neighbouring parish to Ashington.

Mr. Davidson's first wife died four years ago.

EMPIRE NEWS

MOSLEMS WARN CONGRESS

Bombay. A resolution authorising the Working Committee of the Moslem League to launch civil disobedience to safeguard Moslem rights and interests, if necessary, in Bihar, the United Provinces and the Central Provinces, was passed unanimously at an open session of the League at Patna recently. These Provinces are ruled by Congress Governments.

The resolution referred to "atrocities committed in these provinces," and to "the systematic manner in which even elementary Moslem rights are trampled upon by the Congress Governments."

The Governments of these provinces, it was stated, failed to redress grievances in spite of the constitutional methods adopted so far.

Representatives from all parts of India, including the Moslem Premiers of the Punjab and Bengal, supported the resolution. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, offering the solid support of the Punjab Moslems to the disobedience movement, stressed the right of Moslems to live in India unpersecuted.

Mr. Jinnah, in his presidential address recently, warned Congress that the League would take up the Moslems' cause in the States if Congress exploited them.

STUDENT ACQUITTED

Calcutta. Ajit Bardhan, a Hindu student, charged with the attempted murder of Sgt. Major W. J. Berragan, of the 2nd Bn. the Border Regt., stationed in Calcutta, has been acquitted.

It was alleged that Bardhan entered a train in which Berragan was travelling from Calcutta to Darjeeling and attacked him with an iron rod and a knife.

The defence alleged that Sgt. Major Berragan challenged Bardhan's right to enter the compartment and attacked him with the knife, which Bardhan took from him and used in self-defence.

AUSTRALIA

NEW AIR SQUADRON FOR QUEENSLAND

Sydney. As part of the plans to increase the Royal Australian Air Force, a new general purposes squadron is to be established at Amberley, near Ipswich, Queensland. It is to be composed partly of 'planes of the permanent' forces and partly of 'planes of the citizens' forces.

The squadron is to be equipped with 12 aircraft and to have a complement of 150 airmen from the permanent forces, and 26 officers and 115 airmen from the citizen forces, to be recruited in Brisbane and Ipswich. An area of 800 acres is to be acquired for the aerodrome, which, (Continued on Next Column.)



Temporary probation was granted Paul Francis, left, and William Gallagher, 15-year-old orphans who "raided" the San Francisco mint, believed impracticable. Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure concluded the youths did not have criminal intent, when they climbed a drain pipe, raised a window and entered. They told him their exploit was "just for fun."

Gracie Turns Crazy News Reel Editor

GRACIE FIELDS has now become a news-reel editor. She has edited an edition of British Movietone News and makes a riotous success of the job.

The script was written by Howard Thomas, and Gracie acts as commentator and appears in person.

We see her ousting Leslie Mitchell, Movietone's commentator, from his desk with "Hello, Leslie, love, you've got to sit. I'm gaffer to-day. I'm taking over Movietone for once."

Then she turns to the audience and remarks confidentially: "Don't you think it's a shame the way they over-work Leslie? Poor chap, one week he's dodging the bombs in China, the next week he's helping a duchess to launch a lifeboat in Weston-super-Mare."

"I know it's nice to get about a together with buildings, will cost £250,000."

Staff Corps Commissions.—More staff cadets than have graduated in any single year since the war have just left the Royal Military College at Canberra to accept commissions in the Australian Staff Corps. Because of the expansion of the defence forces and the acute demand for officers the Federal Government has decided to shorten, from four years to three, the course being undertaken by certain selected cadets.

SOUTH AFRICA

50 PER CENT. FALL IN FRUIT CROP

Cape Town. The deciduous fruit crop of the Western Province is expected to be about 50 per cent. less than last year. The total ultimate exports for the season that has just begun are estimated at 60,000 tons, compared with 93,000 tons last season.

Trays of peaches which a year ago fetched from 1s. to 1s. 6d. are now realising from 3s. to 4s. in Cape Town.

Canners Anxious.—Mr. J. L. Moore, general manager of the South African Food Canners' Council, says that his council has been watching the market position in Britain with some anxiety in view of the Anglo-American Trade Agreement. Under this agreement, South Africa agreed to reductions in preferences on canned fruit salad and pineapples, in which the Union has been building up an export trade for some years.

Brothers as Rhodes Scholars.—One of the newly-elected Rhodes Scholars for the Cape is Mr. Willem Bok, son of Mr. Justice Bok, and a brother of Dr. Louis Bok, a Rhodes Scholar of 1931. This is the second time in the history of the scholarships that two brothers have earned the honour. In 1903 Mr. P. T. Lewis was a Rhodes Scholar, and was followed in 1905 by his brother, Mr. V. A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has been acting as Governor of Southern Rhodesia during the illness of Sir Herbert Stanley.

18-YEAR-OLD BOY'S SAVAGERY

A mother objected to her 12-year-old son being remanded in custody at Liverpool Juvenile Court, and Mrs. Remain, the presiding magistrate, said that he might have committed murder. The case against the boy is that he caused grievous bodily harm to a boy of seven. In a statement the accused said he and another boy took the younger boy to a shed, jumped on him, hit him in the face with their fists, took off all his clothes and threw bricks at him.



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- Mandolinata Di Napoli. Italian Folk Song (Italian.)
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Brenda (Champion) Meets 2,000 In 'Moonlight'

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK'S champion society debutante, seventeen-year-old Brenda Frazier, granddaughter of London's Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, made her sensational debut recently in a ballroom flooded with simulated moonlight.

From midnight to dawn she was formally introduced to two thousand members of society who have seen her at parties, night clubs and balls almost every evening since the beginning of the season.

Although Miss Frazier has been the most photographed debutante for years, cameramen were barred at her debut.

ONE ACT SHOW

Two orchestras provided music for all-night dancing, and guests were also entertained by one act of "Hellzapoppin' Broadway's crazy show which Mr. Anthony Eden saw on his recent visit.

Miss Frazier, famous for her low-cut pink gowns, chose heavy white duchess satin for her evening-out frock. The dress had a tight bodice and a very full hoop skirt. The sole trimming was a cascade of white ostrich feathers extending from the waist to the bottom of the skirt.

SUICIDE AT OLD BAILEY

LONDON.

Death defeated justice for the first time in 30 years at the Old Bailey, London's famous and ancient criminal court, when Alexander Ratner, 61-year-old electric lamp manufacturer, killed himself by cutting his throat with a cigar cutter in a cell. He was waiting to be sentenced for fraud.

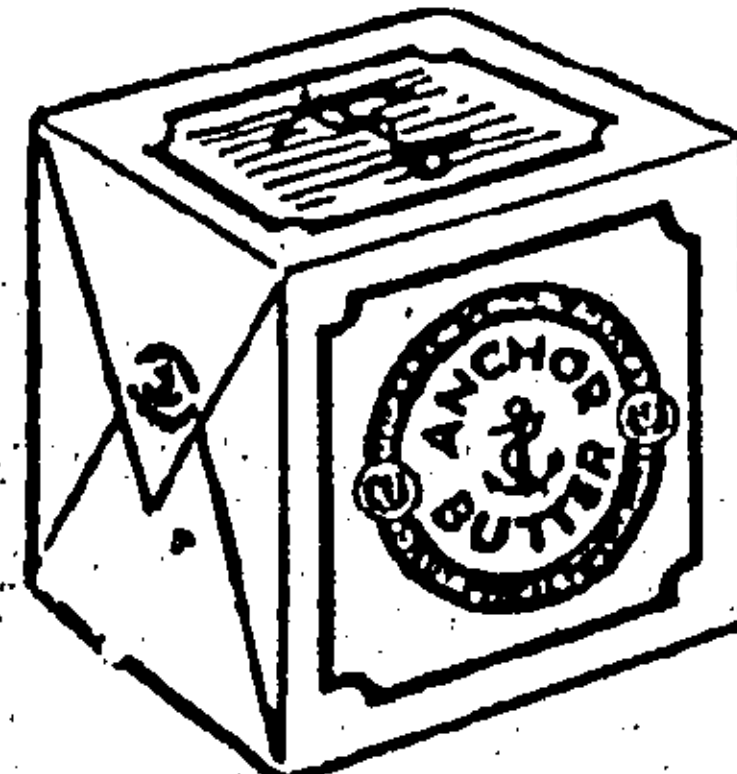
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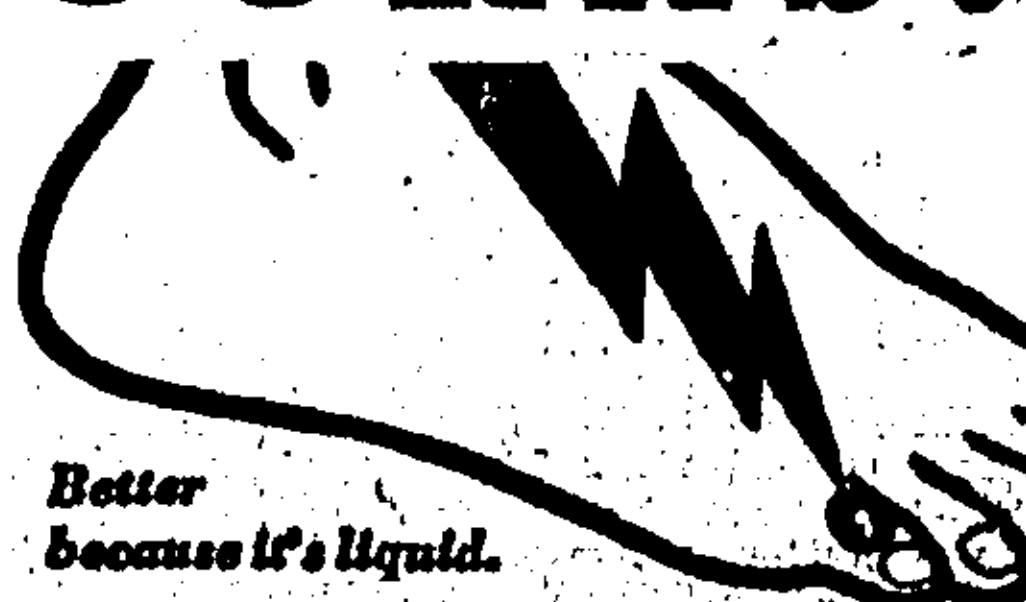
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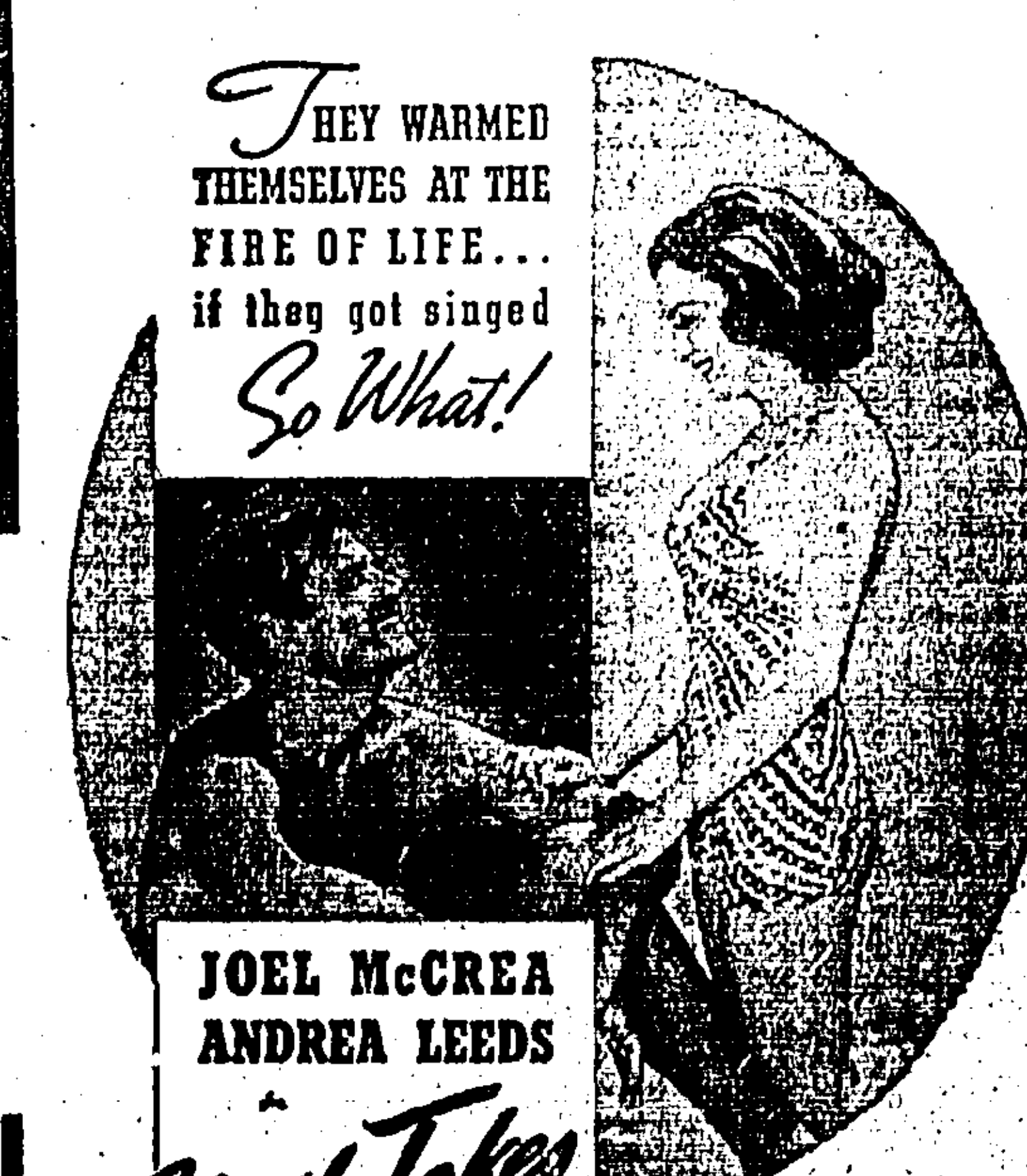
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DENTIST'S WIFE SHOT WITH POLICE INSPECTOR After Cafe Visit

Jerusalem.

INSPECTOR WILLIAM W. THOMAS, brilliant officer of the Palestine Police Force, has been found shot dead with a married woman in her home here.

Beside them was a revolver belonging to Thomas. The woman was Mrs. Haya Grossman, attractive young wife of a dentist who was spending the week-end with his two daughters, aged four and six.

Inspector Thomas had planned to visit his parents, who live near Caerphilly, Glamorgan, but at the last minute decided to postpone his leave until May.

He was 29. On the night before Mrs. Grossman had been in the Cafe Europe, favourite meeting place of the British police in Jerusalem.

When she left for her home it is stated that Thomas, who had also been in the Cafe Europe, followed her.

A few moments after Thomas entered her home, two shots were heard.

Mrs. Grossman, a dark woman of Oriental appearance, was born in Jaffa of Russian-Jewish parents.

CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION

The Council of the British Medical Association has decided to hold a national conference on nutrition in relation to national policy. Doctors, representatives of agriculture at home and overseas, and of industry and education will debate the best system of securing the necessary increase in consumption. The provisional dates for this Conference are 27th, 28th and 29th April, with a public meeting also on the 28th April. The B.M.A. appointed a committee on Nutrition in 1923, when Sir Kaye le Fleming was chairman.

Man Blown 50ft. From Manhole

AN explosion down a manhole in which he was working recently in Windmill-road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, blew Horace Trew Nicholas fifty feet into the air with his clothes ablaze. He landed on the roof of a house, knocking over a chimney pot, and then rolled off the roof into the garden.

Earl's Sister Surprises Family:

LADY SIBEL, LYON, 31-year-old sister of Earl Beauchamp, was married recently at Caxton Hall Register Office to Mr. Richard Michael Rowley, of Moor Farm, Lane End, Bucks.

Members of Lady Sibel's family had no knowledge of the matter the day before, but Lady Beauchamp, a sister-in-law, said later:

"When we returned from the country to-night we found a telegram inviting Lord Beauchamp and myself to the wedding. I have no idea where Lady Sibel is at the moment."

WORKED IN BOND STREET

First intimation of the wedding was the notice given at Caxton Hall of the forthcoming marriage of "Richard Michael Rowley, bachelor, 23, independent means, living at Moor Farm, Lane End, Bucks." and "Sibel Lyon, spinster, 31, living at 13, Belgrave Square, S.W."

Lady Sibel for a time worked as receptionist in a Bond Street hair-

"Penny Bloods" Cured Nightmares

Small boys should plump for Mr. L. A. G. Strong as their favourite author. He believes they should be allowed to read what they like and when they like.

Advocating this at a preparatory schools conference in London recently, Mr. Strong told this story:

"I knew of a boy of eight who suffered from nightmares. Every night he used to wake up two or three times screaming. Finally, he was taken to a psychologist, who found that he was not getting the kind of reading he wanted and prescribed 'penny bloods.' The boy read them. This side of his nature found adequate expression and the nightmares stopped."

Gipsy On Spell Removing Charge

Fantastic rites performed by a housewife on the advice of a gipsy were described at Portsmouth Quarter Sessions recently in a case under a 200-year-old Act dealing with witchcraft.

The housewife, Mrs. Anne Colgrove, said that she—

Buried a pound of best steak in which she had placed a human hair; Burned a piece containing a needle and a pin; and Slept with a crystal under her mattress.

The gipsy, Besale Birch (51), of Exmouth Road, Gosport, mother of ten children, was found guilty of unlawfully undertaking to tell fortunes and to remove a spell from a ring.

She was also found guilty of stealing rings and money worth £18 14s. from two women by means of a trick.

Mr. A. H. Armstrong, prosecuting, said the women parted with the rings and money on Birch's promise to return them after she had found out about their future.

Birch was bound over for two years "to give her a chance to reform."

Died Beside Wife's Grave

JOSEPH SMITH, aged 77, of Kingsway, West Wickham, Kent, was found dead recently a few feet from his wife's grave in Streatham Park Cemetery, S.W.

Mrs. Smith died last year. She had been her husband's devoted companion for 55 years.

Though in failing health, Mr. Smith visited her grave regularly, never allowing the flowers to fade.

Relatives, worried about his health and the bad weather, had tried to dissuade him from going to the cemetery. But he had listened to them and then slipped away. An inquest will be held.



Carrying a doll and an American flag, Eva Levy, 3, refugee from Germany, is greeted on arrival in New York by her brother, Walter, 11. Eva arrived on the President Roosevelt with her grandmother, Mrs. Emilia Herz. They gave up their home in Berlin and plan to live with Walter, who has been with relatives in New York for a year.

All-Women Bench, So Court Rose Early

CROYDON COUNTY POLICE COURT had an all-women Bench recently for the first time since its inauguration in 1797. And they talked far less than men magistrates.

The justices were Mrs. B. W. Thomas (who presided), Mrs. B. E. Ransom and Mrs. M. C. Adams. They dealt with a heavy list of motoring summonses and relief fraud cases so rapidly that the business of the Court was completed nearly three-quarters of an hour earlier than usual.

An official of the Court said to the News Chronicle:—"A number of men magistrates were also on the rota, but only one turned up and he had to leave early."

NO ARGUMENTS The three women conferred for a moment and decided to get on with the job themselves.

"One or two defendants tried to argue, but Mrs. Thomas silenced them with a very few words. 'I think the reason we got through the business so quickly was because Mrs. Thomas, who has not presided before, did not spend any time delivering lectures' to the defendants."

WILL WIPES OUT DEBTS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. Dr. Andrew S. Gregg, who was a practising physician here for 57 years, left provisions in his will that debts owed to him by "widows, orphans and others unable to pay" be cancelled. The will directed the trustees to give receipts in full to persons owing such debts.

Mrs. Stephen de Laszlo Killed

MRS. STEPHEN DE LASZLO, wife of Mr. Stephen Philip de Laszlo, a son of the famous portrait painter, was killed and her husband seriously injured when their car collided with a lorry on the London-Newmarket road near Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, recently.

They had left their home at Rutland Court, Knightsbridge, to spend a week-end with friends, taking their Pekinese dog.

In their apartment they left their four-year-old son Philip with his governess.

The accident happened at a bend in the road and two men in the lorry were also seriously injured and taken with Mr. de Laszlo to Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, where they were detained.

They are two brothers named Cardy, from Elmswell, Suffolk.

DAUGHTER OF BARONESS

Mrs. de Laszlo, who was about 38, was formerly Miss Edith Alexandra (Diana) von Versen, elder daughter of Baroness von Versen.

She was married at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, by the Bishop of Chichester, a cousin of her husband, in January, 1931.

The wedding present from the bridegroom's father was a portrait of the bride, which was on view at the wedding reception.

Swimming and skiing were two of Mrs. de Laszlo's hobbies.

Mr. Stephen de Laszlo, who is about 42, is the second of the five sons of the late Mr. Philip de Laszlo. He is an expert in electrical matters and wireless.

Chaplin To Carry On As Dictator

New York. Charlie Chaplin broke his silence recently with an announcement on his new film. Here are the facts on it.

"THE DICTATOR" is the title. It will be all-talking. Chaplin will play both his old character and a new one, in which he will be "seen and heard for the first time."

Chaplin has written the film himself.

Production starts in January. And that is as far as Chaplin will go. Plot, implications and tricks are secrets, but Hollywood has heard that Chaplin is going to buy dictatorships with a mistaken identity plot in which an inoffensive little Jew will get mixed up in a situation that makes him dictator, while the real dictator is banished.

Chaplin has had warning of dictatorship reprisals if he goes on with his idea, but his announcement shows that he is standing no dictation.

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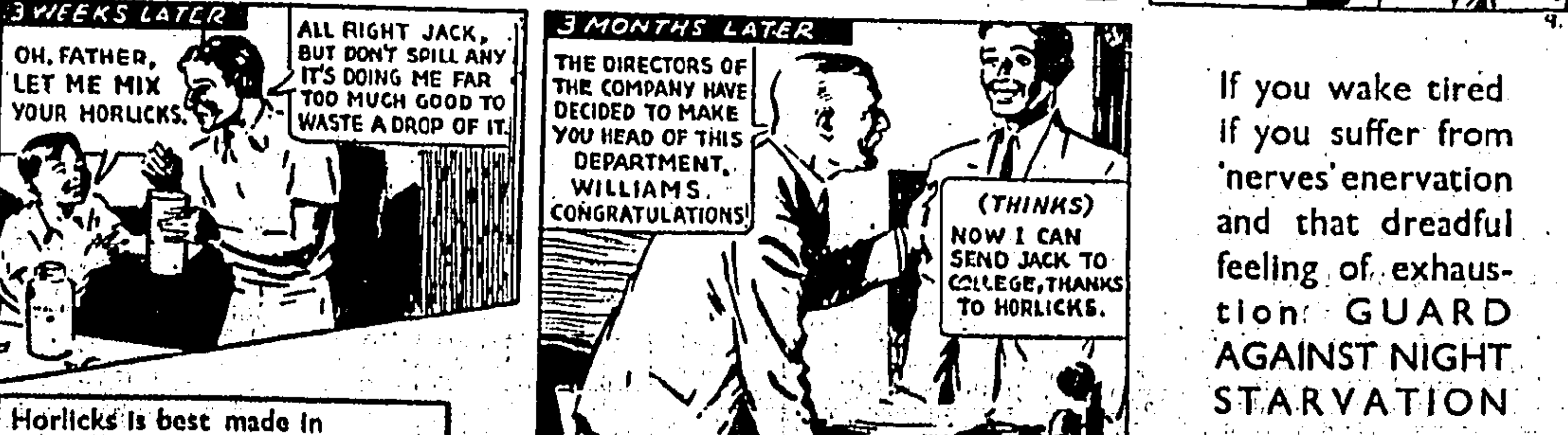
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COMMONS AND H.K. FOOTWEAR

LONDON, Feb. 7. Questioned about the increase of British imports of rubber footwear from Hongkong, Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade stated in the House of Commons today that the possibility of regulating supplies on a voluntary basis was at present under consideration between industries in the parts of the Empire concerned.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

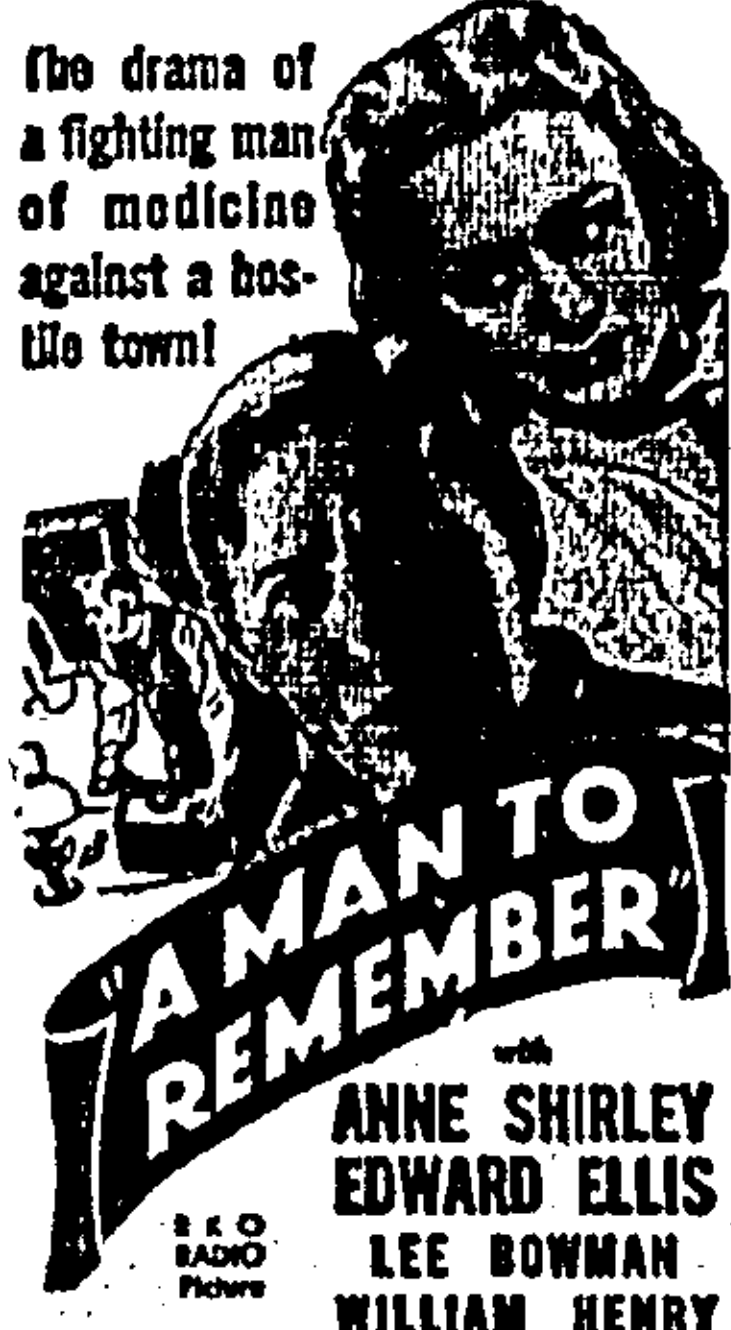
Market was steady, and a small amount of business recorded.

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Union Insurance \$402
China Underwriters \$253
H.K. Fire Insurance \$175
Donghai \$65
H.K. & K. Wharves \$110
Provident (Old) \$535
Provident (New) \$620
H.K. Lands \$333
H.K. Tramways \$175
Chinese Estates \$17
Yumail Ferries \$225
Macao Electric \$172
Sankin Lights \$10
Telephones (Old) \$23
H.K. Ropes \$38
Wing On (H.K.) \$38
Entertainment \$7
Marrmans (H.K.) \$2
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Sankin Lights \$10
Telephones (Old) \$23
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Wing On (H.K.) \$38
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Bates
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Bank of East Asia \$204
China Underwriters \$253
H.K. & K. Wharves \$110
Provident (Old) \$535
Provident (New) \$620
H.K. Lands \$333
H.K. Tramways \$175
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HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, 14 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1939, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for that day shall have terminated for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing a resolution as a special resolution altering in certain respects the Articles of Association of the Company.

Full particulars of such proposed alterations have been sent out to shareholders by post. A copy of the proposed special resolution giving details can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1939.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on Thursday, the 9th March, 1939, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and FRIDAY, the 10th March, 1939, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's Office, Stock Exchange Building, 14 Des Voeux Road, at NOON on THURSDAY, the 2nd MARCH, 1939, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscriptions and ALL THOSE who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$5.00 to the UNDERSIGNED.

J. T. BAGRAM,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1939, to Friday, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C., Hongkong, or the Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

PALESTINE TALKS OPEN WITH FELICITATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A FELICITOUS SPEECH in reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain was made by Prince Seif Ullah Al Hussain at the opening of the Palestine talks to-day.

The Prince thanked the British Government for the part it had played in the service of truth and peace.

He said he was unable to speak Mr. Chamberlain's language, but there was a more sublime vehicle, namely sincerity, in their hearts.

The superb spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain had solved intricate problems in recent international affairs, and which was manifested in Mr. Chamberlain's address, was one on which they largely depended for a solution of the Palestine questions.

CONCERN OF ALL MUSLIMS

These problems had become the general concern of every Arab heart, and of every Muslim in the world.

The representative of Yemen said he admired the sublime spirit which inspired Mr. Chamberlain's wonderful solutions of modern problems, and in the name of humanity, truth, and justice, Yemen wished him every success in his wise policy.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the restraint which had generally been shown by the Jewish community during a period of extreme difficulty and danger in Palestine. He repeated that the aims and objects were not represented at the morning's talks. They had reached a deadlock with the Mufli Party regarding representation. The Nashashibi delegates will remain and will see Mr. Malcolm MacDonald frequently as consultants.

STATEMENT ON DEADLOCK

An official statement on the deadlock stated that the efforts created by one of the Arab delegation were being continued. Meanwhile the meeting between the British representatives and the Arabs, in which the Arabs are to outline their case, has been postponed to a further effort to define the Arab representations.

The Jews are expected to open their case to-morrow.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following official statement regarding the composition of the Arab delegations at the Palestine conference was issued to-day: "His Majesty's Government have invited members of all political parties amongst Palestine Arabs to come to London to take part in discussions on the future policy in Palestine. Efforts have been made to arrange that these different parties should all be represented on the one delegation. These efforts have not succeeded so far but endeavours to reach agreement are being continued."

"In the meantime, as a satisfactory settlement has not been reached, representatives of the Defence Party have informed His Majesty's Government they would not attend the opening meeting of the conference this morning. His Majesty's Government do not seek to take sides in any difference of opinion which may exist between the parties in Palestine. On the contrary, they are anxious that every party should have a fair opportunity of expressing their views during the forthcoming discussions. They are glad of the opportunity to enter into free and full consultations with Palestine Arab leaders selected from parties other than the Defence Party."

"In view of their anxiety to exclude no important section of opinion from the discussion, they will be glad also if agreement on the composition of one Palestine delegation proves impossible, to hold separate consultations with the delegation representing the Defence Party which has come to London."—British Wireless.

COMPOSING DIFFERENCES

LONDON, Feb. 7. Negotiations to compose the differences between the two Arab sections continue to-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald had prolonged conversations with the Nashashibi delegates. The conversations began early this evening and continued until a late hour, with a single break, in which, it is understood, Mr. MacDonald consulted with the Premier.

The conversations are continuing.—Reuter.

CHIANG'S GRIP TIGHTENED

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namely, Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Control, and Examination, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Chief and Vice-Chief of the Board of General Staff, and three members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

Besides members of this Standing Committee, all other members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee as well as all members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee may attend conferences of the Council.—Central News.

Benefits Of U.S. Silver Policy

Washington, Feb. 7. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the Treasury, to-day told the special Senate Silver Committee that the Treasury's purchases of silver had benefited China, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Japan, Chile, and the Philippines, "as well as a number of other countries."—United Press.

8,000 MILES OF POLAR LAND IS DISCOVERED

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and we moved on until we discovered a small bright in the ice where there was shelter enough to moor the vessel. The run-way, however, was so limited that the petrol load of the plane had to be strictly limited, and even so the take-off appeared to be extremely hazardous, for waves were heaving the ice into billows.

"We waited throughout the whole morning in suspense till around noon, when the wind subsided. Now was our time, if ever; the Nordrup plane warmed up and at last we were off. "Had mountains been discovered I would have brought back more spectacular photographs," but the knowledge that no mountains are found in this area is of equal geological and geographical importance.

HOPE OF MINERAL DEPOSITS
"Although snow-covered to-day, the area I saw on my flight of discovery might, a year or so hence, become snow-free and disclose rich mineral deposits."

On occasions our position aboard the Wyatt Earp was dangerous and somewhat hopeless. We had been driven on the day before from our chosen take-off and landing field—a flat field of bay ice upon which a steady flow forced up several ice-bergs.

"We just avoided being hemmed in by solid ice as we moved to another side, but the iceflow there was not suitable for a flying field."

"Much of the ice I had hoped to use as a take-off had shattered and was drifting out to sea, making our chances of using it hopeless. Moreover, the weather showed signs of clearing, threatening possible delay for another week. I sent Pilot Lymburner up to scout in our Aerona seaplane, and he returned from a 90-minute flight with a report that he had found a small fjord at the end of the Great West Barrier."

WILKINS'S TASK
Mr. Ellsworth was accompanied on his expedition by Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Australian explorer, who was in charge of the 402-ton motor-ship Wyatt Earp.

The expedition, which had two planes sailed from Cape Town on October 29 for Enderby Land with provisions for a three-months stay on the ice. They returned to Hobart, Tasmania, on Saturday.

Sir Hubert Wilkins is to make a report on his scheme for world-wide weather prediction stations.

DR. THOMEN MARKS YOUR CARD

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the child. The fatality—in young children is always greater than in older children and adults.

(d) One attack does not necessarily afford protection from a second.

(e) The liability to attack lessens with age.

More than 90 per cent. of the deaths from measles occur among children under five years, while of the fatal cases of whooping-cough more than 96 per cent. occur among children under five. Evidently, the longer a child is kept in contact with these and other ailments, the better its chances of weathering the storm.

(f)—No. There is no difference in the fatality between the man with the high brow and the one with the low brow. Such is the conclusion of Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, the eminent anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution.

Whether one has a high brow or a low brow is not the all-important factor. Environment, opportunities for intellectual and cultural development, and the willingness to labour towards the goal of high achievement are factors of cognate importance.

Happy Marriage

(7)—No. There seems to be little truth in the notion that a marriage between individuals possessing opposite personality traits is decidedly more liable to be a happy one than other marriages.

Dr. Donald A. Laird, professor of Psychology at Colgate University, and his associates, have not concluded as the result of a questionnaire addressed to a representative list of American families.

The investigation showed that when "like married like" with respect to religious attitude, age, education or social status the chances were distinctly in favour of a happy and compatible marriage.

OLD TREATY RE-AFFIRMED

LONDON, Feb. 7. A new treaty of friendship and commerce has been signed between the United Kingdom, India, and the Sultan of Muscat, replacing the treaty of 1891, which expires this month.

The treaty reaffirms the close relationship existing between the British Government and the Sultan of Muscat.—Reuter.

GERMAN SHIP ASHORE

Tokyo, Feb. 7. The German freighter *Leyerkusen* (7,386 tons) went aground early this morning off Yokohama, on route to Yokohama from Hamburg, via Dairen.—United Press.

ARMISTICE PLAN REJECTED: CIVIL WAR TO CONTINUE

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estimated at several hundred million gold pesetas. The motor lorries were placed under the guard of French customs authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE TO RECOGNISE GENERAL FRANCO

Paris, Feb. 7. The immediate appointment of a French representative to Burgos was demanded in a resolution passed by 144 presidents of French Chambers of Commerce who met to-day in Paris.

The resolution points out that further delay in bringing about normal relations between France and insurgent Spain would be highly detrimental to French commerce, and that, in addition to the nomination of a French diplomatic representative to insurgent Spain, France, following the example of other nations, should send an economic commission to insurgent Spain without delay.—Trans-Ocean.

APPOINTMENT SOON

Paris, Feb. 7. Diplomatic circles at the Quai D'Orsay said to-day that the appointment of a French General Plenipotentiary to the insurgent Government would now be only a matter of hours or days.—Trans-Ocean.

"MEDITERRANEAN MUNICH" SEQUEL FEARED

LONDON, Feb. 7. Britain and France are exerting all their strength to prevent the collapse of the Spanish Loyalists turning into a strategic disaster for the British and French empires.

With the badly shaken Loyalists taking refuge in France, the British and French authorities are convinced that the moment is approaching when Signor Mussolini will demand satisfaction from France.

No doubt exists here, and in Paris, that Herr Hitler will support Italian claims, and will also push her own colonial demands with the object of precipitating a "Mediterranean Munich."

The democracies therefore, are making their greatest effort since the beginning of the war to prevent Italy from consolidating her hold in Spain, Majorca, and Spanish Morocco, from where she would menace French and British imperial communications.

GERMID OF ITALIANS

France-British efforts included firstly, the decision not to grant recognition or financial aid to General Franco until he gets rid of the Italo-German forces; secondly, to attempt to prevent the strategically located Minorca Island from falling into the hands of Italy; thirdly, a joint demand to General Franco to keep Italian troops away from the French frontier, which General Franco is heading.

The democracies are doing their utmost to secure peace, and to deprive Italy of her last excuse for maintaining troops in Spain.

France-British peace efforts are blocked by General Franco's insistence upon an unconditional surrender, and Dr. Negrin's insistence on the fulfilment of his three conditions for peace.—United Press.

NEGRIN RETURNING

LONDON, Feb. 7. Dr. Juan Negrin, the Loyalist Premier, who crossed the French frontier with other members of his Cabinet, will return to Spain shortly to continue the fight against General Franco's forces, according to an official of the Spanish Embassy in London.

He added that Dr. Negrin and his Ministers would probably establish the Government at Valencia, rather than Madrid, in order to "continue resistance to the end."

The official stated that about 300,000 refugees had crossed into France.—Reuter.

POLAND RECOGNISES GENERAL FRANCO

Warsaw, Feb. 7. Poland has given General Franco de facto recognition, which is believed to be preliminary to de jure recognition, with the departure of a trade representative for Burgos to negotiate in agreement.—United Press.

ITALY'S TERMS STIFFEN

Rome, Feb. 7. The semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" this evening publishes an article by the editor, Signor Gayda, enumerating the four conditions which, he says, must be fulfilled before Italian volunteers can be withdrawn from Spain.

They are as follows:
1.—Complete demobilisation and dispersion of Spanish Loyalist troops who have retreated into France, and who would otherwise constitute a danger to the stability of insurgent Spain.

2.—Restriction of the activities of Spanish Loyalist leaders who have fled to France, and whose presence in that country is, in itself, anomalous.

3.—Unconditional capitulation of "Reds" both inside and outside of the Spanish frontiers.

4.—The return of stolen Spanish art treasures which have been transferred to France, and the return of gold belonging to the Bank of Spain.

Signor Gayda again stresses that no difference can be made between the political and military victory of General Franco, whose political triumph has invariably been the goal of the military action.

PREMIER'S DECLARATION

Referring to Mr. Chamberlain's declaration on Anglo-French solidarity, the paper observes that nobody in Italy has ever doubted that in the event of war Britain would be on the side of France. The only doubt existed in Italy, says Signor Gayda, is whether the British Government is, under all circumstances, prepared to support the insurgent policy of France, which is opposed to Mr. Chamberlain's policy, and which may lead to international complications.—Trans-Ocean.

POST OFFICE.

MAIL FOR CANTON
Registered and ordinary mails (except Great Britain and Ireland) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE
Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary letter mail only for West-Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

INWARD MAILS

| From | Per | Due |
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| Hai Phong | Canton | February 8. |
| Shanghai and Swatow | Kiangsu | February 8. |
| Manila | M/V. Neptuna | February 8. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London dates, 28th January, and 1st February. | Imperial Airways Plane | February 8. |
| Japan | Tango Maru | February 8. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Toba Maru | February 8. |
| Japan | Tilawa | February 8. |
| Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 21st Jan.) | Emp. of Russia | February 9. |
| Shanghai and Swatow | Prominent | February 9. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Behar | February 10. |
| Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 12th January | Hakone Maru | February 10. |
| Saigon | Kos | February 10. |
| Manila | Pres. Coolidge | February 10. |
| Java | Tjibaduk | February 10. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Gneisenau | February 11. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th February. | Imperial Airways Plane | February 11. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Katori Maru | February 11. |
| Air Mail by "An American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd February. | Pan American Airways Plane | February 12. |
| Manila | Stentor | February 12. |
| Shanghai | Glengarry | February 14. |

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| Papers only for Straits and (Papers for Calcutta) | Parcels | Wed, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. |
| | Papers | Wed, Feb. 8, 12 noon. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Hongsiang | Wed, Feb. 8, 12.30 p.m. |
| Hai Phong | Wang | Wed, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. |
| Fort Bayard | Wing Wo | Wed, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. |
| Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin | Takung | Wed, Feb. 8, 2.30 p.m. |
| Parcels only for Rangoon | Toba Maru | Wed, Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m. |

Thursday

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| Swatow and Shanghai | Chungking | Thurs., Feb. 9, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow, and Foochow | Haitan | Thurs., Feb. 9, 3 p.m. |
| Manila | Empress of Russia | Thurs., Feb. 9, 5.30 p.m. |
| Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th February | Imperial Airways Plane | Thurs., Feb. 9. |
| | K.P.O. | Reg., Feb. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord. | Feb. 9, 5.30 p.m. |
| | G.P.O. | Reg., Feb. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord. | Feb. 9, 7 p.m. |
| Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th February | Imperial Airways Plane | Thurs., Feb. 9. |
| | K.P.O. | Reg., Feb. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord. | Feb. 9, 5.30 p.m. |
| | G.P.O. | Reg., Feb. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord. | Feb. 9, 7 p.m. |

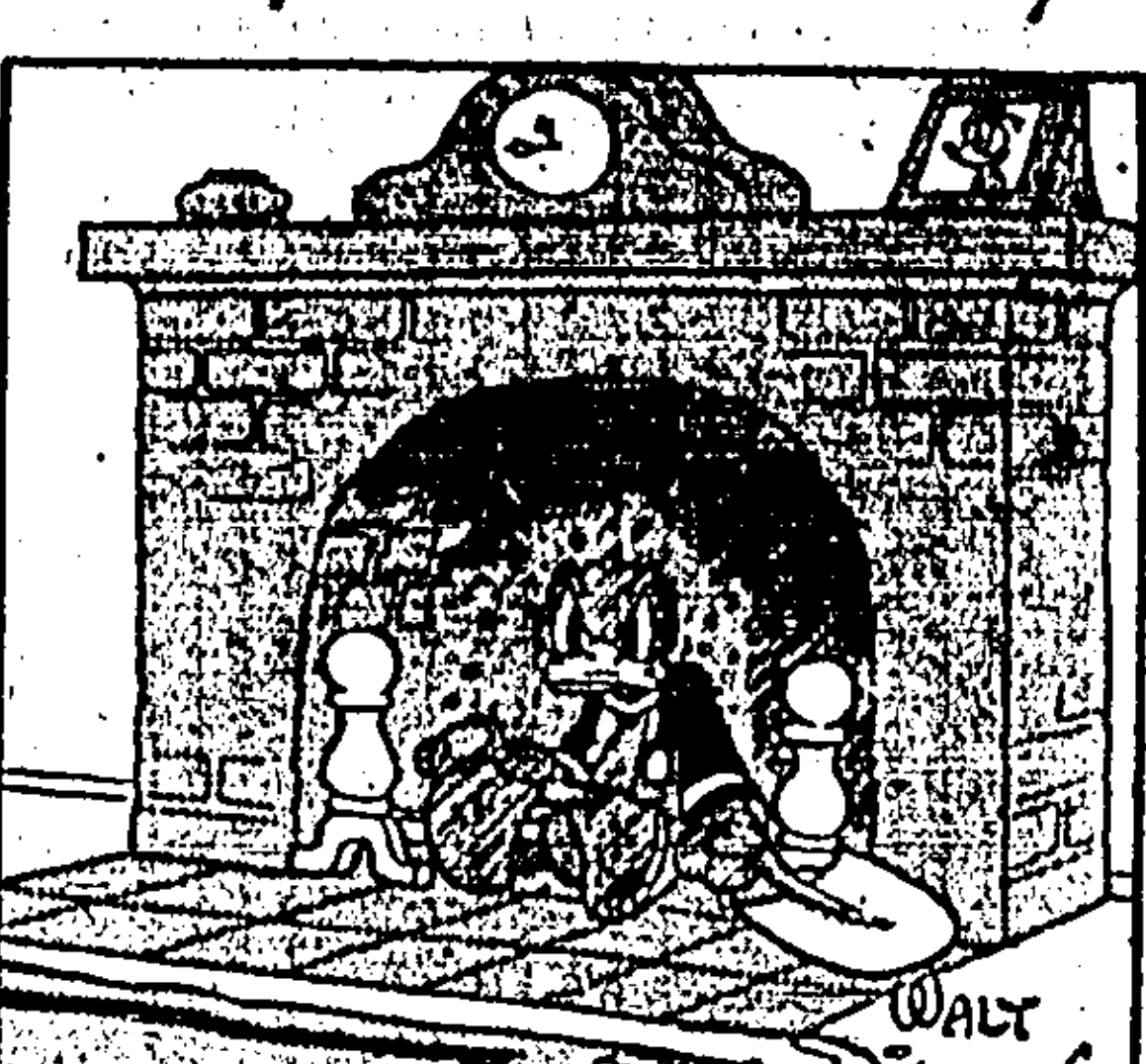
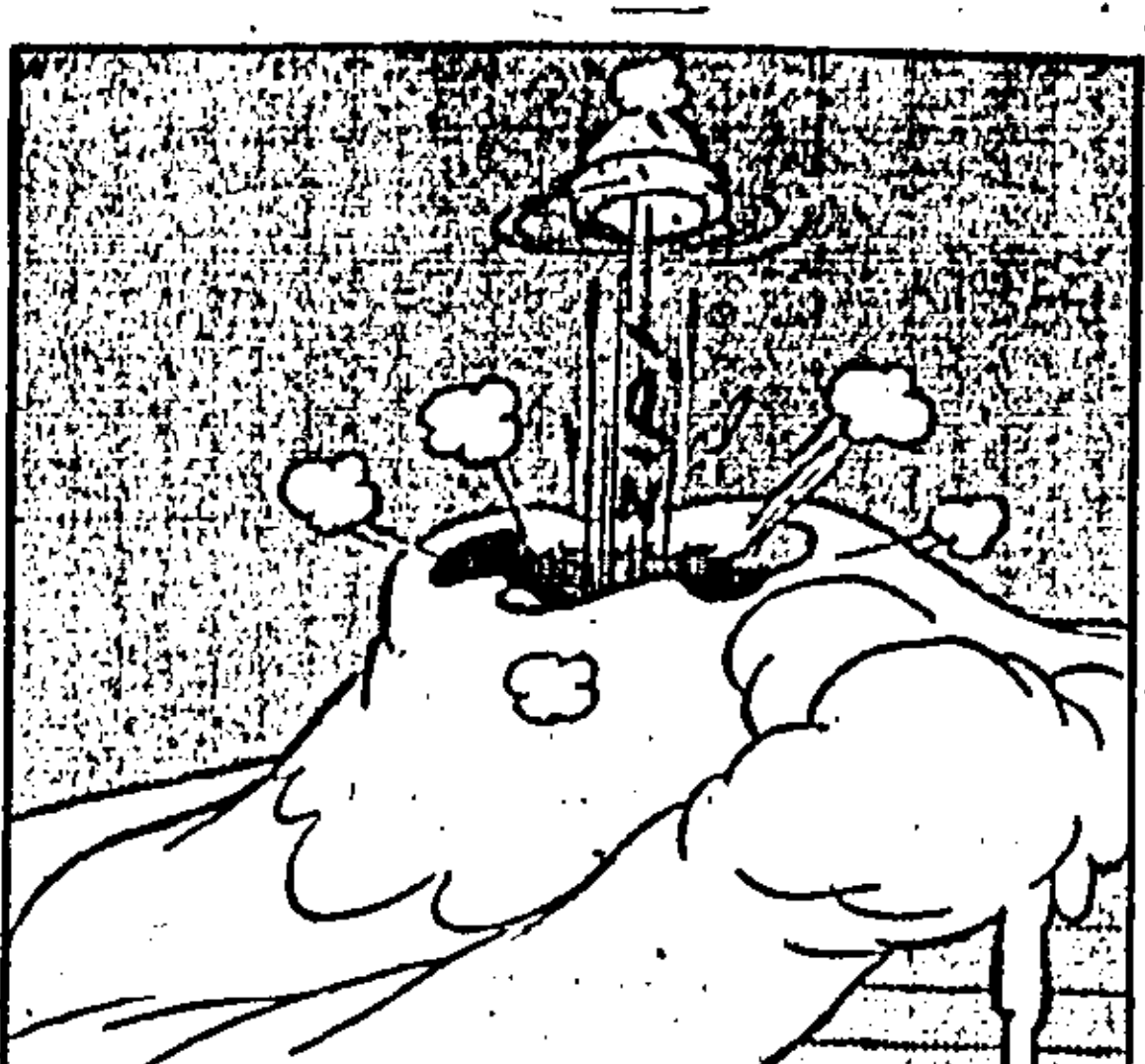
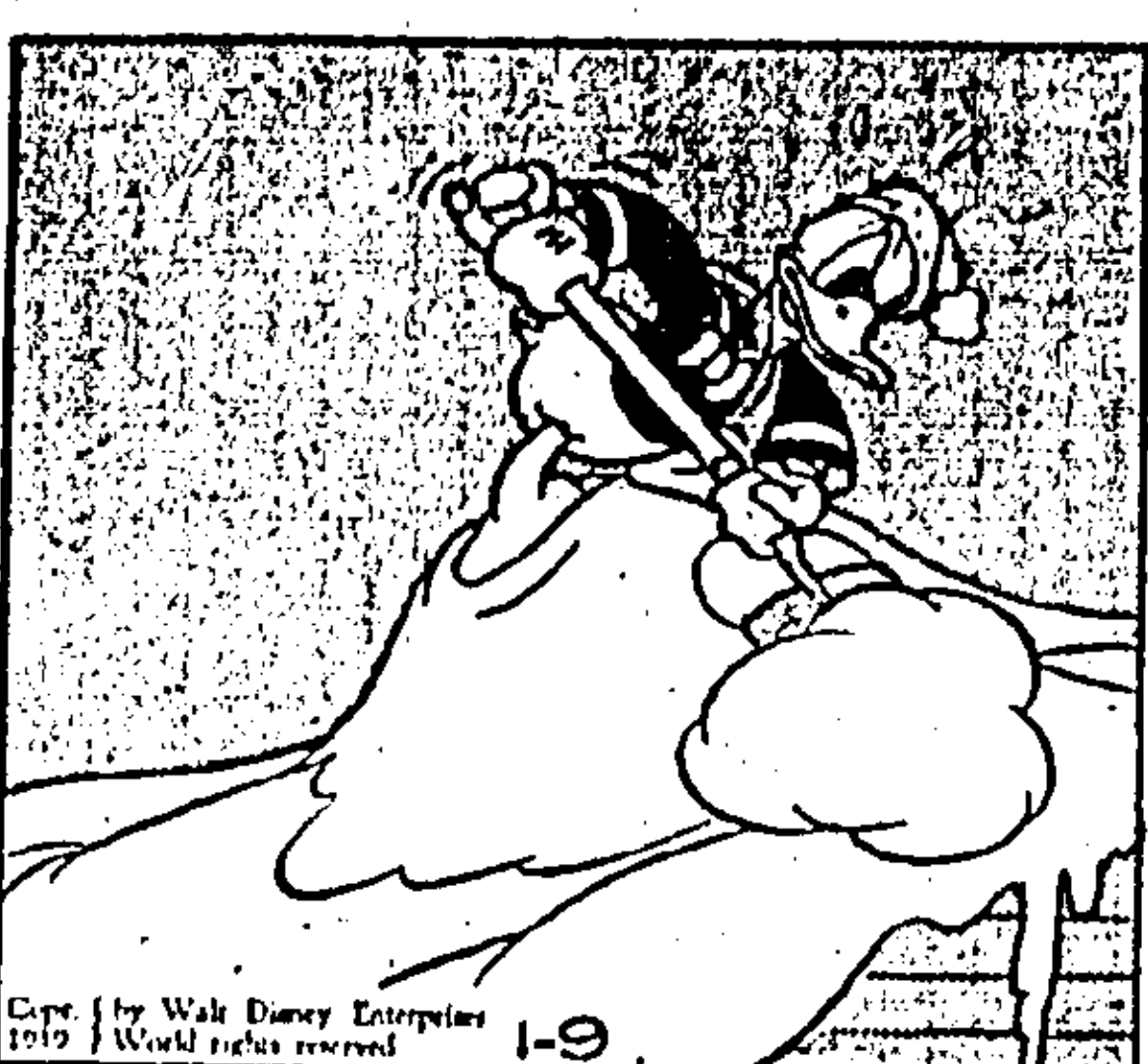
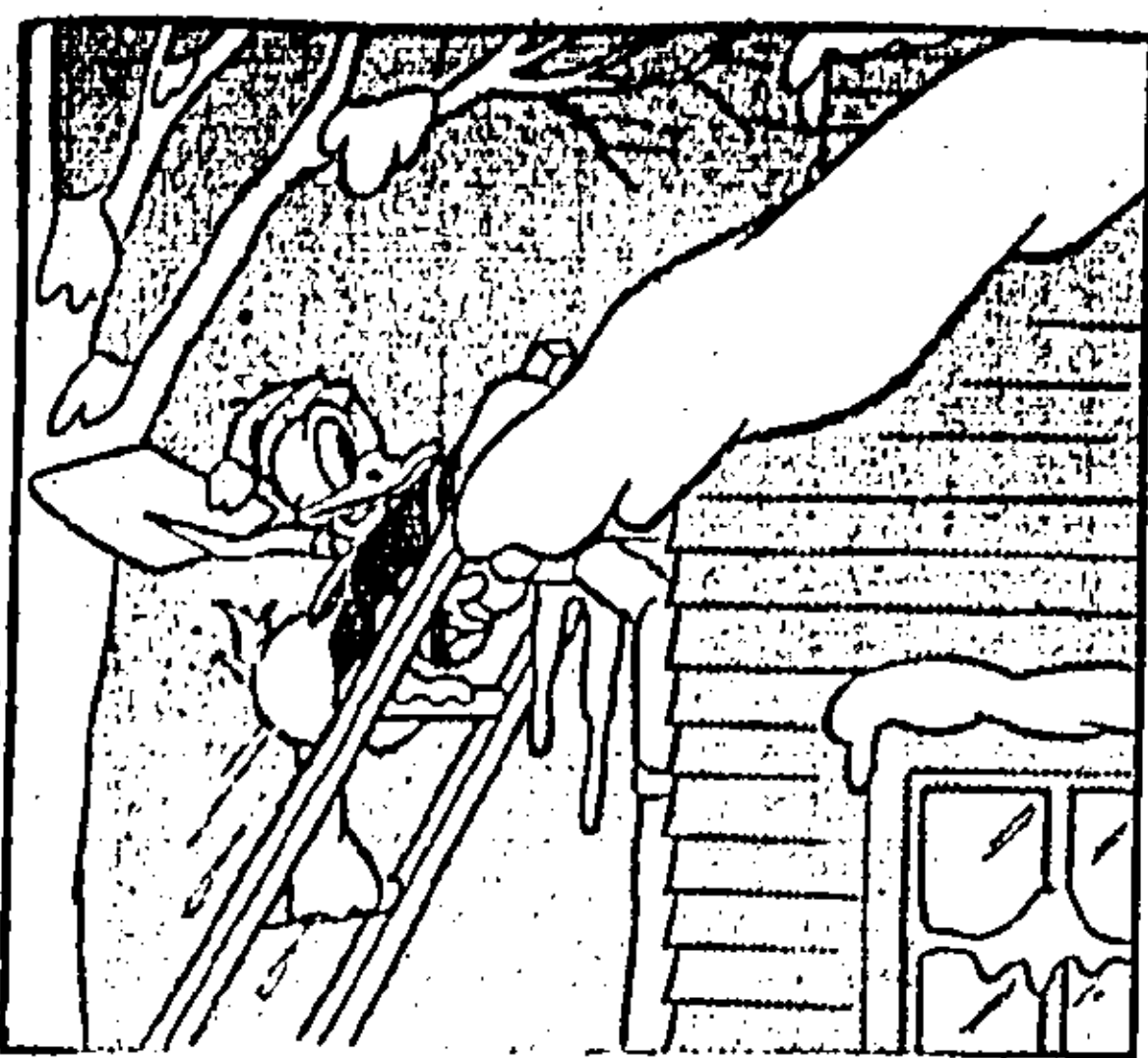
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| Saigon | Lyonon | Fri., Feb. 10, 9.30 a.m. |
| Fort Bayard | Kungsu | Fri., Feb. 10, Noon. |
| Hai Phong | Canton | Fri., Feb. 10, 2 p.m. |
| Formosa, Shanghai and Japan | Hakone Maru | Fri., Feb. 10, 3.30 p.m. |

Saturday

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M.P.'s Told Of China Affairs

London, Feb. 7. Dr. Chang Peng-chun to-day addressed a largely-attended meeting of the China Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons.

Dr. Chang dealt fully with the prospects of China in the new phase of the war, which he said, was about to begin.

He added that hitherto, China had been fighting on the defensive. The Japanese had failed everywhere to round up and exterminate the Chinese armies, and China now had far more men under arms than at the beginning of the war. They had also been tempered by fighting.

Describing the character of the offensive planned in the coming months, Dr. Chang dealt with the international position, and pointed out that Japan had lost in force, rather than gained by entering China.

Dr. Chang's speech appeared to make a deep impression, and he was warmly applauded at the conclusion. —Reuter.

News Is Knowledge

Q.—The Dutch nation's wedding gift to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard was officially presented last month, two years after their marriage. Why the delay?

A.—Because the gift took the form of rebuilding and furnishing a wing of the Royal couple's palace at Soesdyk. Among new installations paid for by the Dutch people are a cinema, a gymnasium, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

Q.—How many people were killed in Palestine in 1938?

A.—According to statistics compiled by the local British newspaper, "Palestine Post," 1,997—an increase of 1,900 over the figure for 1937.

Guerillas Stop Rail Traffic

Peiping, Feb. 7. Railway traffic between Peiping and Tientsin has been interrupted by the blowing-up of a bridge near the scene of a train-wreck which occurred last month.

Damage is reported to be serious, and it may be necessary to build a loopline round the break. —Reuter.

Disgruntled Railway Workers' Sabotage

New York, Feb. 7. A group of railway workers, faced with discharge, threw one of the city's underground systems in complete chaos at the height of the morning rush to-day.

The men killed communication cords, prevented giving the all-clear signals, and abandoned loaded trains at the stations.

Thousands of suburban travellers going to work were delayed by the demonstration.

In one instance, several uniformed employees "kidnapped" an empty train and drove across the points at an important junction, blocking all traffic. —Reuter.

Public Safety Act For Eire?

Dublin, Feb. 7. Mr. Eamon De Valera to-day announced to the Senate that the Minister of Justice in the Dail would tomorrow introduce Bills to provide powers necessary to the Government to maintain its position of authority.

It is understood that far-reaching powers will be sought to deal with extremist elements.

Probably the Public Safety Act will be resurrected, and the military tribunal restored. —Reuter.

Henshaw On Return Flight From Cape

Capetown, Feb. 7. Alex Henshaw, who took off from Gravesend on Sunday in an attempt to fly to Capetown and back in four days, left at 10 p.m. G.M.T., to-day on the return flight to England.

Henshaw accomplished the outward flight in 39½ hours, which was 5½ hours quicker than the previous record set by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green. —Reuter.

ON MAIDEN VOYAGE Hulda Maersk Due Here On Sunday

The Hulda Maersk, latest vessel to join the fleet of the Maersk Line (A. P. Moller), Copenhagen, will reach Hongkong on her maiden voyage on Sunday. She is a token that this company is taking its part in the widespread production of faster and more comfortable cargo vessels.

The Maersk Line has at present the motor vessels Laura Maersk and Lexa Maersk under construction, and in June this year will institute a regular fortnightly service from the Philippines via Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan to Los Angeles, and via the Panama Canal direct to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, and Savannah.

The Hulda Maersk was built last year at Odense, Denmark, at the Maersk Line's own shipyard. She is built for a speed, fully loaded, of 17 knots, and her accommodation includes six double passenger cabins, each with attached bathroom. Her specifications are as follows:

Overall length 466 feet; breadth 57 feet; gross tonnage 5,600; deadweight capacity of 8,600 tons at 25 feet 5½ inches; capacity of cargo holds, 13,350 tons of 40 cubic feet; deep tanks for bulk oil cargoes, 2,875 tons; refrigerated space, 30 tons at 12 degrees centigrade, especially built for Hongkong requirements.

The machinery consists of one 9-cylinder diesel engine of Burmeister & Wain four-cycle, single-acting type, I.H.P. 5,300.

Reporting Progress: by Ritchie Calder

A PIECE of telephone cord, severed by a burglar to prevent his victims from calling the police, was sent to the G-Men laboratory at Washington.

With it was a pocket-knife, found on a suspect.

The scientists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation found on the blade of the knife, under the microscope, a tiny brown stain.

They placed it under the spectroscopic, and found it consisted of copper and tin, identical with the wire of the cord.

Result: Five years' imprisonment. This is one of the many instances which Edgar Hoover, capital G-man, who might be called the Dean of the Faculty of Scientific Detection, gives in a learned article in "The Review of Scientific Instruments."

A BLACKMAILER marked the spot where the money was to be left by painting a rock white.

In the home of a suspect was found a pot of white paint. In this case the spectroscopic came to the rescue.

A tiny difference, undetectable by any other method, was found in the constitution of the two paints.

Public men in America are nervous about mysterious packages. So are the police to whom they are handed. They might contain bombs. Now they X-ray all doubtful parcels.

CASHIERS who "doctor" an account book have little hope of avoiding detection nowadays. The figures, skillfully erased, reappear clearly under ultra-violet light.

Another invisible ray, infra-red, can see through ink.

A poison-pen addit who wrote abuse on school notepaper with the address blacked out was convicted by infra-red. It showed the original address as legibly as though it had never been touched.

SHERLOCK HOLMES' uncanny instinct for recognising the original of dust on a suspect's shoes is now reduced to a matter-of-fact science.

Special microscopes—Hoover calls them "seven-league glasses"—enable the detective to identify dust from places half a continent away.

ANOTHER advance is "comparison microscopes." With these the expert studies the ball, the cartridge-case and the rifle-bore of a gun.

By adjustment, the microscope fits the identical ridges, one to another, in a way no jury can question.

A trapper was murdered in Alaska. Two neighbours had identical guns capable of having fired the fatal bullet.

But a telegram of the G-man's laboratory, thousands of miles away, relieved him and convicted the other.

For the comparison-microscope had shown that it was the other's gun which had fired the shot. Tests of the suspect's clothes proved the stains to be reindeer blood.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 London Palladium Orchestra with Joan Cross (Soprano) and Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Les Sylphides (Cossans arr. Lotter); Moonlight (Collins); The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crenn; Say That You Will Not Forget (film "Forget me not");

Joan Cross (Soprano) with Orchestra; Dreaming—Waltz (Joyce); The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson);

The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by William E. Pethers; Let Me Love You To-night (Waller and Tunbridge); Here's To Life (Talbot and Atkinson); Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra; Mandalay (Kipling and Wilbey);

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IT'S GIVE AND TAKE

Hollister, Cal. Chief of Police Fred A. Earle, who is also tax collector, did that latter job so thoroughly this year, that he collected \$74 too much. However, as there was a deficit last year and he made up the difference out of his own pocket, he probably will be allowed to keep the excessive collection of the current year.

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Patience Ending?

THERE IS particular significance in the declaration in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Neville Chamberlain that Great Britain would place all her forces at the disposal of France in the event of that ally becoming involved in war.

It is the first time a British Premier has made that declaration. There are many people who believe that had Britain as firmly made its intentions known to Germany in 1914 there would have been no Great War.

It is interesting to recall that, as recently as December 12 last year, Mr. Chamberlain certainly had no intention of giving such an unequivocal statement of British support for France as was given yesterday. On that occasion, in response to a question whether, in the event of Italy embarking on warlike operations against France, Britain would give military aid, the Prime Minister replied somewhat cryptically that "no requirement of such aid exists in any treaty or pact with France."

The significance lies in the fact that the assurances Mr. Chamberlain hesitated to give before his recent visit to Rome have been forthcoming after that visit.

Britain's policy shows signs of hardening against both Italy and Japan.

In the European sphere, the wreckage and rape of Catalonia must have a terrific effect on public opinion in Great Britain, the more so in view of the boasts in Rome that Italy achieved the victory that drove the Loyalists across the frontiers into sanctuary in France.

In the Far East, there are many signs that patience is rapidly nearing exhaustion, especially in view of happenings on the Pearl River in the south, on the Yangtze in Central China and at Tsingtao and Chefoo in the north. The tactlessness of Japanese consular officials who demanded an explanation of the "unwarrantable action of H.M.S. Birmingham" in refusing to allow puppet officials to board a British steamer outside territorial waters, and telling the British naval authorities that "similar incidents should not occur in future" will not aid Japanese relations with Britain.

A SCREAM; the
A screech of suddenly
applied brakes...
Startled, you look up from
your contemplation of the
shop window.

You see a car swerving violently, lurching drunkenly over the pavement towards you; you see a cyclist flung into the roadway; you see horror sketched on some man's face.

You hear the thud of a falling body, the crash of breaking glass, the grating of metal against metal. You rush forward to help.

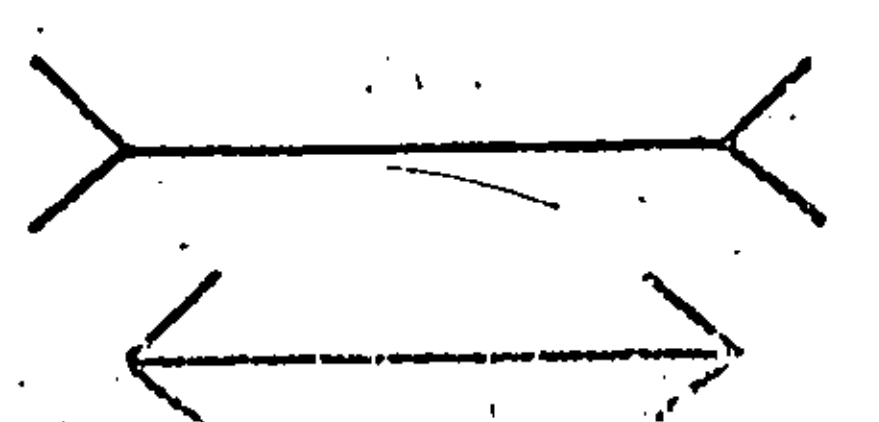
And so you come face to face with a policeman's notebook.

You have witnessed an accident and your testimony is required.

You were there. You saw what happened. You heard what happened. You have the evidence of your senses. You KNOW.

But do you?
Are you SURE?

Look at these two lines:



Both are exactly the same length—but they don't look it. Your eyes deceive you. And in the same way, again and again, your senses will bear false witness.

In the complex business of observing something that is happening, that is an incident involving several factors presenting several sides, it has been found that the average eye-witness account of the thing through interrogation while observed is not only very incomplete, but 40 per cent. inaccurate.

Experimenting along these lines Professor Wolters, of Reading University, asked a group of his students to describe a small dramatic incident which had occurred in the lecture room.

An accurate and full report required just ten essential points. The average number correctly reported was 3.5 and, on the average, there was one completely false addition to each account. Incidents which had not occurred and which were materially impossible in the situation were reported with complete assurance.

To these spontaneous inaccuracies and omissions of a "free narrative" must be added the errors resulting from "suggestion" through questioning. It has been estimated (by Walter Van Dyke Bingham and Bruce Moore in How to Interview) that testimony got

through interrogation while having a 50 times greater range than narrative testimony, is 550 times more inaccurate.

A class of young girls having just seen a film were asked if the lamp in the picture was hanging from the ceiling or resting on the table. So powerful was the "suggestion" that not one answered correctly that there was neither lamp nor table in the picture.

About 50 per cent. stated with great certainty that it hung from the ceiling. The remainder affirmed with equal assurance that it rested on the table.

To this initial weakness of observation, to this susceptibility to suggestion, must be added a thoroughly unreliable memory.

Tests show that the average innate tendency is to forget half of all that is learnt in an hour, two-thirds in eight hours, three-quarters in a week and four-fifths in a month.

This rate is modified by forming associations: links between one thing relative to another and with such assistance your memory more or less adequately meets the practical requirements of everyday life.

But in the matter of testimony this fact itself may be yet another source of error.

For unfathomable personal reasons you may remember certain irrelevances with complete clarity while forgetting the really crucial points.

You will remember primarily things that affect or interest you. Things that are creditable to you will make a deep and lasting impression on your consciousness. Discreditable things, on the other hand, you will forget with remarkable speed, thoroughness and convenience.

There is no reason to believe that the facts you salvage in this profoundly subjective manner from the bog of your innate forgetfulness are the most important from the point of view of objective accuracy.

There is no reason to believe that they are even facts.

So when you looked up from your contemplation of the shop window a mass of impressions crashed into your brain. Your brain could receive only a proportion of those impressions. It could retain only a proportion of what it received. What it retained was confused and distorted by all the intensely personal trains of thought set loose by the situation.

On this blunt, uncertain edge the scales of justice balance.

The policeman stands with his pencil poised. The destiny, the freedom, the honour of some fellow man may depend on one word from you.

You may speak that word—but... are you, can you be, SURE?

5-Minutes Medical Exam.

HOW much do you know about yourself?

Put "Yes" or "No" to the following questions and check your answers by those in the following two columns, where the facts are given by Dr. August A. Thomen, the eminent American physician, whose views, Lord Horder says, "successfully challenge the most severe criticism."

DO YOU BELIEVE—

1 That the consumption of lemon juice or vinegar is a simple and effective method of reducing one's weight?

2 That it matters if you are plump at over 40?

3 That individuals with high colour or fiery complexions are not usually healthy?

4 That a person should not bathe while he is warm?

5 That it is sensible to expose children to measles, whooping cough, chicken-pox, scarlet fever, on the presumption that they will get them anyway?

6 That a high forehead is a positive sign of intelligence and culture?

7 That marriages between persons of opposite characteristics and personality traits are more liable to be successful and happy than others?

Dr. Thomen Marks Your Card

The correct answers to the questions in the preceding columns are:

(1).—No. The idea that if one drinks the juice of a lemon after a heavy meal, the excess food will not "turn into fat" is unadulterated nonsense. Lemon juice has no such property.

(2).—Yes. For one to be overweight at middle life is definitely disadvantageous. Within reason, the shorter the waistline the longer the lifeline.

(3).—Yes. What is often considered an exquisite complexion by the laity is recognized as a definite sign of illness by the doctor. A certain type of heart disease often produces, in girls especially, a remarkably beautiful complexion. A pleasing, rosy complexion is not always an index of good health.

(4).—No. It is quite safe to go in bathing when one is warm, and any unusual happening is to be regarded as due to some other cause. To bathe in cool water in such circumstances can produce only an exhilarating reaction in a healthy person.

Measles

(5).—No. The common fallacy of exposing children to infection on the presumption that the illness, whatever it may be, is mild in its nature, and that sooner or later they will contract it, is to be emphatically condemned.

The notion is wholly fallacious for the following reasons:

(a) A mild case may, and often does, develop into a serious one.

(b) It is not quite true that all should have these ailments during some period of their existence.

(c) The seriousness of these ailments is always greater, the younger the child.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

England

PALESTINE PARLEYS OPEN

London, Feb. 7. Two ceremonies were necessary at the opening of the Conference at St. James' Palace to-day, the Premier first addressing the representatives of the Palestine Arabs and neighbouring States and later addressing the Jews. This is because the Arabs do not recognise the Jewish Agency.

Officials of the Colonial Office were trying up to 2 a.m. to reconcile the differences among the Arabs, there being a possibility that while the feud remained unsettled the whole of the Mufli Arabs, as well as representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Transjordan and Yemen, would refuse to attend the opening ceremony if the Defence Party members were present.

Mr. Chamberlain, addressing the Arabs this morning, said: "My policy is one of peace. You may be aware that my particular method of approach to peace is through understanding and the first essential step to understanding is personal contact."

"It is the task of statesmanship, when faced by what may appear to be a deadlock between two peoples, to achieve a compromise on the basis of justice. This is the task before us—difficult no doubt, but surely not beyond the capacity of our united powers."

The Arab delegates comprising these representatives of the Mufli Party had been received by Mr. Chamberlain in the famous Queen Anne's Drawing Room leading to the Picture Gallery where the talks began.

It was one of the strangest conferences ever held. The greatest care was taken to keep the delegates apart, the Jewish representatives being received separately later in the morning in the Banqueting Room on the other side of the Picture Gallery. This was due to the Arabs declining to sit with the Jews.—*Reuter*.

Jewish Reply

London, Feb. 7. At the Palestine Conference, Dr. Weizmann, replying to the Premier, said: "Let us concentrate on the realities of the present situation, giving due weight to all essential views and endeavouring to appreciate each other's point of view. In this lies the best hope of achieving a settlement of our problem which will provide a foundation on which mutual understanding may grow and peace in Palestine be secured."—*Reuter*.

Arab Traffic Closed

Jerusalem, Feb. 6. The British Military commander for the Southern District has prohibited all commercial traffic for Arabs to and from Jaffa. This measure was taken as reprisal for the new case sabotage discovered in the Southern District near Rehovoth where the railway tracks were destroyed yesterday causing the derailing of four freight cars and resulting in considerable damage.

The British measure against the Arabs will remain in force until the damage is repaired.

Asiate Strike Move

Jerusalem, Feb. 6. Well-informed observers regard the strike as a very astute move of the supporters of the Grand Mufti. It avowedly being a protest against sending to London the de-

The Spanish War REFUGEES POURING INTO FRANCE: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

The border barriers were reopened at dawn to-day and it is estimated that soon 25,000 men will line up between Figueras and Perthus awaiting entry to France. Eight armoured cars crossed the border and surrendered. Ten thousand disarmed soldiers will this morning march from Perthus to Argeles.

The French army seized 200 more freight cars loaded with arms and munition supplies, which had been shipped to France to prevent them from falling into Franco's hands for use against Madrid.

Senor Negrin, Spanish Republican Premier, who crossed the border alone late yesterday, is reported to have re-established contact with his General Staff near Figueras this morning.

The French border police seized and impounded motor cars loaded with ingots of gold and silver valued at several hundred million francs. Each truck carried six carabinieri for protection, but the French government ordered their seizure because the Spaniards attempted to cross the frontier without declaring the metal to the customs.

The 20th division, charged with defending Puigcerda, began a night long retreat into Bourganeuve following reports that two Franco columns were just outside Puigcerda. The first thousand men of that division when crossing the border brought 45 pieces of artillery each drawn by diesel tractor. The artillery has been impounded in French army camps.—*United Press*.

President Denies Split

Colonge, Feb. 6. President Azana has announced that there was no split when he left Spain. He was in "complete agreement" with Dr. Negrin in connection with the continued resistance of the Loyalist forces.—*United Press*.

Ministers' Whereabouts

Paris, Feb. 7. After a search lasting all to-day for the whereabouts of the members of the Spanish Government, the key people were at last definitely located. President Azana is at an Alpine resort village. Dr. Negrin is at a temporary front along the River Ter, in Catalonia. Other ministers are scattered between Paris and Perpignan.

Dr. Negrin gave every indication of their desire to continue the struggle as decided at the Cortes meeting held at Figueras. He is reported to be determined to supervise the entire evacuation of the troops from north Catalonia in an attempt to resist as much as possible.

Spanish sources state that the present stage of evacuation is covered by a determined rearguard which is halting Franco's advance along the mountains north of Ripoll and trying to slow the advance eastward along the River Ter.—*United Press*.

Truce Negotiations

Perpignan, Feb. 7. The British and French diplomats had further talks with Senor Alvarez del Vayo, Loyalist Foreign Minister, in Le Perthus yesterday afternoon. It is learned that the object of these talks was to arrange a truce as a preliminary to the termination of the civil war.

There were rumours circulating here last night that del Vayo accompanied by the British and French

legation of the Nashashibi (Arab Moslems) Party.

The organisers waited until the departure of Fakhri Dey Nashashibi for London before showing their hand, thus leaving his followers virtually defenceless as they are still too terrorised to resist.

The move was also designed to show the British Government that the Arab populace is solid behind the Mufli Party.—*Reuter Special*.

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London Comment

London, Feb. 7. The Daily Mail, in an editorial on Spain says: "There will be one more tragedy to this bitter conflict if the present decisive moment for peace is missed. Azana and Negrin appear at last to see the futility of further warfare and Minja too must now realise the futility of trying to stave off by further bloodshed the day of total defeat."

"Further useless combat would be disastrous. It would keep up the tension, and multiply the problems. Peace in Spain will involve difficulties among those countries which have watched and those which have intervened in the struggle but none will deny that the sooner there is peace and the sooner the problems arising from peace can be faced the better."—*United Press*.

A Chinese Victory

40 Japanese Planes Said Destroyed

Shanghai, Feb. 6. Chinese aviation circles in Chungking claim that Chinese planes made a surprise raid yesterday against Yunchen in southern Shansi and demolished 40 grounded Japanese aeroplanes.—*United Press*.

SENTINEL'S RIFLE BRINGS DOWN JAPANESE PLANE

Nanchang, Feb. 7. A Japanese plane was brought down and totally wrecked by a remarkably fortuitous shot from the rifle of a Chinese sentinel at Tung-siang, 50 miles east of Nanchang, early this morning.

The ill-fated Japanese machine was flying at a low altitude over the Chinese positions outside Tung-siang. A sentinel took aim with his rifle and fired a shot, the bullet piercing a vulnerable part of the chassis and causing the machine to unbalance and hurtle down to the ground.

The lone pilot of the machine bailed out in his parachute, and was seen to flee towards the direction of the Poyang Lake. A search is being made for him.—*Central News*.

AIR RAID IN SUNWUI

Konkum, Feb. 7. Seven Japanese aeroplanes bombed Sunwui city near Konkum on Sunday morning. After releasing ten bombs, the planes machine-gunned the place. A large house was destroyed and a steam launch was sunk. Only two civilian casualties are reported.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

One Movie Seen 144 Times

Cambridge, Mass. A. Theodore Held of Columbus, O., a Harvard college sophomore, is so crazy about Deanna Durbin that he visits all neighbourhood movies where the film "Mad About Music" is shown. By his own compilation, Held has spent \$45 and seen the picture 144 times.

Japan

TOKYO ALARMED: SOVIET THREAT TO RIGHTS

Tokyo, Feb. 7.

The bargaining committees of various parties in the House of Representatives to-day met in a joint conference and agreed to introduce an urgent motion before the House plenary session on February 14 urging the Government to take effective measures for the protection of Japanese rights and interests against Soviet pressure.

The draft resolution reads: "Be it resolved that in view of the fact that the pressure exerted by the Soviet Government against Japan's rights and interests has of late increased so greatly that their very foundation is threatened, the Government take urgent measures and leave nothing undone for the safeguarding of the Japanese rights and interests."

Supporters of the vote include Messrs. Kozo Yamamoto and Ryukichi Tajirogi of the Minseitō Party, and Messrs. Takeuchi Azuma and Toyotaro Fukazawa of the Seiyukai Party.

Following the conference of all Parties in the House of Representatives, a resolution was introduced into the House urging the Government to leave nothing undone to safeguard Japanese rights and interests in the Soviet Union, which the Resolution declares, are being threatened with destruction by the growing oppression of the Soviet administration.

The Resolution mentions in particular the Japanese fishery rights in the Soviet territorial waters of the Japan, Behring and Okhotsk Seas, which, it asserts, shall never be violated or damaged by the absence of detailed regulations for the exercise of those rights which are affirmed by treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union.

Pointing to the Soviet Union's unwarrantable violation of international good faith by putting all the stabilised fishery lots to auction and by closing 40 of these fishery lots, while the Japanese fishery interests refused to participate in the auction under a grim determination to resist any emergency, the Resolution declares that the situation between the two countries is now unprecedentedly grave.

The Resolution also refers to the Japanese oil and coal concessions in North Saghalien, and urges the Government to take adequate measures to safeguard those rights and interests with grim determination, in view of their illustrious history and of their importance to State economy.—*Domei*.

JAPANESE REVOLT

Tunk, Anhwei, Feb. 7. Anti-war feeling brought five hundred Japanese at Kiangyin on the south bank of the Yangtze River above Shanghai, into open revolt recently.

The Japanese commanding officer was killed and many houses were set on fire.

Japanese troops sent from Wushu to suppress the riot clashed with the mutineers, resulting in considerable casualties. The ringleaders were later arrested and executed and the disgruntled soldiers disbanded.—*Central News*.

Anti-War Handbills

Chungking, Feb. 7. Japanese authorities in Shanghai are concerned over the discovery of anti-war and anti-militarist handbills in the Kiangnan Dockyard under Japanese occupation.

A thorough investigation is being conducted.—*Central News*.

Movement Afoot To Unify Parties

Tokyo, Feb. 7. The Kokumin Shimbun declares that a movement is afoot among the minority parties for uniting various political parties including the Social Mass Party, the Tokeikai, and the Kokumin Dantai (National League). According to the newspaper, the new movement is inspired to check the influence of the majority parties including the Minseitō and the Seiyukai Parties. The paper understands that the present manoeuvre is connected in any way with the national reorganization movement, as projected by the Kono Cabinet.

The paper also reminds that the new Premier, Baron Hiranuma, has definitely pledged to respect political parties and declared that he was not looking forward to the organization of a reformist political party.—*Domei*.

CONTINENTAL

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New Chinese Army

One Million Youths Will Join Up

Chungking, Feb. 7.

About a million men have already marched from Szechuan to engage the invading Japanese. Ready to reinforce them is another million now under training. Coming from farming families, these new army recruits represent the best of the Chinese nation's young manhood. Simple, honest, strong and diligent.

Their old fear of courtyards, where farmers through their harvest in autumn, are now part of the places where China's new army is being put into fighting trim. Sitting around sewing and sunning themselves, the village womenfolk watch with interest these men, their husbands or brothers or sons, in training. Their old fear of courtyards, where farmers through their harvest in autumn, are now part of the places where China's new army is being put into fighting trim.

Village fathers have their reasons for welcoming these recruits. With the army regulation of neatness and cleanliness as examples, village sanitation conditions have been greatly improved with the help of soldiers and army doctors. Free clinics have been maintained. Food scraps and refuse are useful for the feeding of pigs and chickens. And in their leisure hours the soldiers are always willing and ready to lend a hand in the house and fields. The children are taught by army political workers to read and write. They are taught to respect the national flag and to sing the anthem. Playing soldiers is now the favourite game in Szechuan villages, a healthy sign for physical development as well as education.

Recruits Enjoy Life

The recruits enjoy their life in army camps. Properly fed and clothed, these men now take a pride in their appearance. In fact, they are healthier after enlistment, which is a credit to the strict training and discipline of army life. Most of China's new soldiers know how to read and write. The few unfortunate illiterates are given an education by those young and enthusiastic men and women who form the units of army political workers. These new recruits have learned many things since their enlistment, and their morale is extremely high.

Officers taking charge of the training of these young soldiers include those who have actually fought the Japanese on various fronts as well as lieutenants fresh from the Central Military Academy and its branch schools. Thus, experience and theory are blended together for the training of these recruits. These new lieutenants, it may be noticed, were all high school graduates before entering the military institutions. With the war, the old Chinese saying of "a good son does not become a soldier" has been changed into "only a good son is worthy to join the army." For indeed they are the cream of the nation's youth, who are mentally fit and physically strong. And with several years of the most strict discipline and training, they have become the officers of the country's legions, ready to lead China's new army to the battlefields to fight against Japanese aggression.—*Central News*.

APPEAL BY CHIANG

Chungking, Feb. 7. All able-bodied members of families of Government and Kuomintang officials are urged by Chiang Kai-shek to enlist in the Chinese army in order to set an example for the populace.

The Generalissimo states it is the duty of citizens to join the army and defend their country, but only persons have enlisted and very few belonging to families of the Government and Party officials have responded.—*Reuter*.

CHARITY FUNCTION

Accounts of Armistice Day Cabaret Dinner Dance

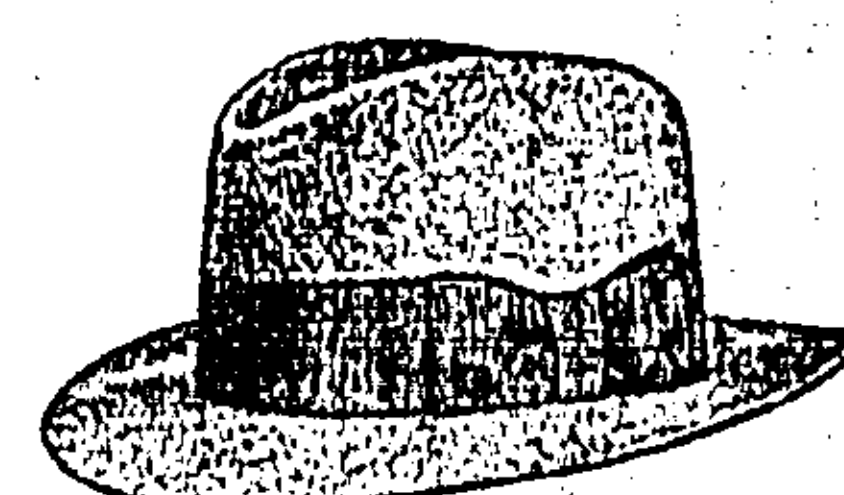
The following statement of accounts of the Cabaret Dinner Dance held on November 11, 1938, at the Hongkong Hotel, has been issued:

Receipts:—Admittance and Dinner tickets, \$2,100; programmes and tickets, \$400.55; Percentage allowed on drinks, \$50; donations, \$31. Total \$2,581.55.

Expenditure:—Advertising, \$70; printing, \$10.25; cost of dinner, \$872; artists, \$62.10; sundries, \$70. Total \$1,084.35.

Balance:—To Hongkong Benevolent Society, \$1,134; and to Kai Hing Fund, \$500.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Only some 13 per cent. of our population, says a writer in the London *Figaro*, is now illiterate; but in Russia, Rumania and Serbia eighty people out of every 100 can neither read nor write. In Spain the proportion of illiterates is 63 per cent. in Italy 48. But we are beaten by Little Holland, for of every 100 Dutchmen, only 10 are unable to read and write. A still more wonderful result is arrived at in Switzerland, where 2.5 per cent. is the highest illiterate proportion; while in Germany the rate is only 1 per cent. and in Sweden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg and Denmark there is practically no one who cannot read and write. So we have still much to do before we can consider ourselves properly educated as a nation.

The troopship *Tamar*, with time expired from the military and naval forces from the station on board, left yesterday for home, via Singapore.

The Italian armaments have caused a large deficit in the budget.

Mr. Parnell's action against the *Times* in Scotland has been dismissed.

25 YEARS AGO

Reuter's agency learns that Sir Ernest Shackleton is purchasing the Norwegian ship *Polaris* which will be rechristened the *Endurance* and will be employed in Weddell Sea manned by merchant service men.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says President Wilson has issued invitations to the third Peace Conference at the Hague in 1914. It is understood President Wilson acted at the request of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. The United States and Denmark have signed a Treaty agreeing to submit any disputes to a commission which shall have a year in which to investigate them.

Ten such Treaties have already been signed by other Powers.

There is a probability of a service of night express trains being inaugurated in the near future on the Kowloon-Canton Railway. If the scheme is carried through a train may leave Canton in time to reach Kowloon about midnight, shortly after which another may depart for Canton.

No fewer than five N.D.L. steamers have been lying alongside the Kowloon Wharves within the last four days.

Borneo, Prinz Ludwig, Prinz Waldemar, Derfflinger, Mark.

10 YEARS AGO

The position of residents in the ex-British Concession in Hankow was the subject of two questions to the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, said that representations had been made to the Nanking Government, and Dr. G. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, had promised to issue instructions that there should be no outside interference with the ex-British Concession.

The Indian Community of the Colony held a reception at the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon to offer their congratulations to Khan Sahib Nawab Khan and Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh, on their recent promotion to commissioned rank as Assistant Superintendents of the Hongkong Police Force. Mr. U. Ramiah presided over the function, which was very largely attended.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. G.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

molliety arbitrament
Arabesk arbitrariness
molusk archeology
English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found in Fund, \$500.

Wolfe, C.M.G.), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotelawala, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. T. H. King, Captain Bloxham, Mr. D. H. Burroughs, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. P. Grant, Mr. J. H. Singh, Mr. M. Nemazee, Mr. T. Hynes, and many others.

Amongst the passengers coming to Hongkong by P. and O. liners are the following:

Khiva, left London on Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Golling, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Traiman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Torry.

Milwa, left London on Jan. 25.—Mr. J. W. Abbot, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig, Mr. J. R. Collis, Mrs. Barrington Deacon, Mr. G. H. Comperis, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Austin, and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw.

Naldora, leaving London on Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barber, Miss J. E. Honess.

Morona, leaving London on March 22.—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. H. C. Gough, Mr. H. C. Gray, and Mrs. G. Watt.

5 YEARS AGO

Fears that Germany may make efforts to extend her eastern boundaries are leading to a tightening of the raplacement between Poland and the Soviet Union.

In evidence of this desire for closer relationship, it is announced by the Foreign Correspondent that the Polish Foreign Minister, Mr. Beck, is visiting M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on February 13 for a discussion of their mutual problems.

Diplomatic relations between Hungary and the Soviet have been restored.



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INFRINGEMENT OF MILK TRADE MARK BY CHINESE DAIRY

Summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy for having in their possession for sale or for purposes of trade or manufacture, milk bottles on which was a mark so nearly resembling the registered trade mark of the Hongkong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd., that it was calculated to deceive, the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy, of Nos. 7-9, Wun Sha Street, had a conviction registered against them and were ordered to pay costs, when the case concluded yesterday.

An order for the confiscation of the milk bottles was also made by the magistrate.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay represented the plaintiff firm, while the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy was defended by Mr. Hinshing Lo.

Evidence was given for the prosecution by Mr. George E. Ahwee, who said that he formerly traded as the Kowloon Dairy. The trade mark in question, a cow standing on two circles, had been used by his firm for about 15 years before registration, since 1911.

In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness said that he had been manager of the Kowloon Dairy since 1921. He could not, however, recollect whether the trade mark in question had been used by his firm before 1911. The Kowloon Dairy was registered in 1925.

Bottles Ordered. Witness said that since he had been appointed manager, milk bottles were ordered from the United States, and sometimes from local bottle manufacturers.

bottle bearing the trade mark in question.

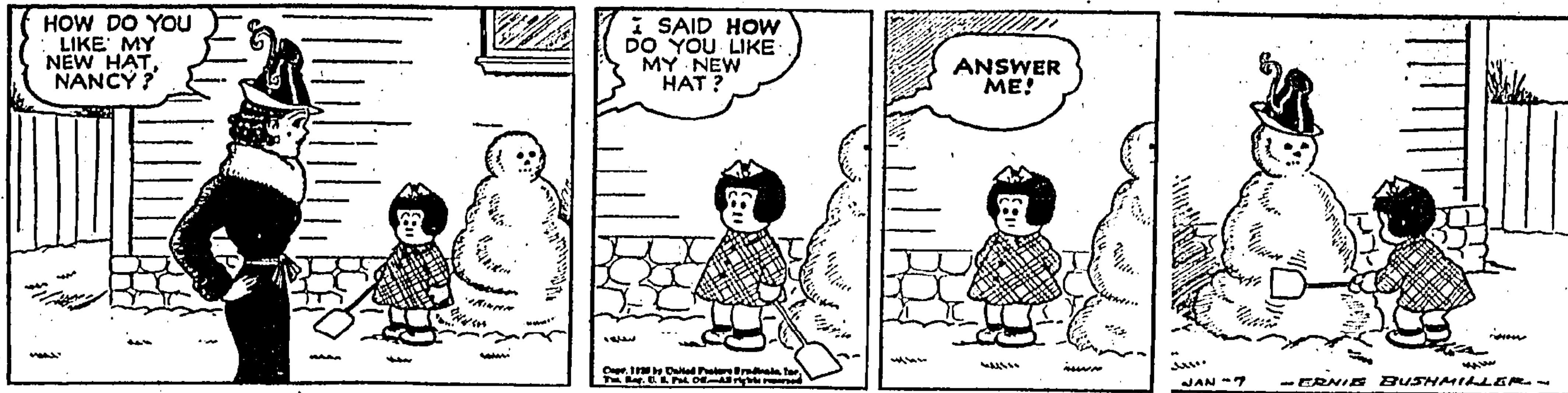
In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Mackinlay, defendant said that he had never attempted to register the trade mark on his bottles. He knew, however, that the Kowloon Dairy had registered this mark, and that they later sold out to complainant firm.

Mr. Mackinlay submitted that there had been an infringement, and asked for the conviction of defendants, who had used a trade mark that had been registered by his clients. This, he submitted, was sufficient to show that there had been such an infringement.

Mr. Hinshing Lo contended that he had proved by evidence that the Sun Tung Hoo Dairy had used this mark for many years, in fact had used the mark before the complainant firm had made use of it. Although defendants had not registered the mark, they could not be accused of infringing it.

The magistrate held that defendants had a case to answer, and found it necessary to convict. He agreed with Mr. Mackinlay's submission that under Section 13 and Section 2 of the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, there had been a definite infringement, and registered conviction without a fine, but ordered defendants to pay \$100 as costs of the action.

NANCY



Local Rugby Officials Are Mystified

Unaware Of Marines' Desire To Visit H.K. For Interport Match

Hongkong Rugger officials profess complete ignorance regarding the reason for the outburst in the *Shanghai Evening Post* over "Hongkong's failure to invite the United States Fourth Marines rugby team to an Interport."

According to Mr. H. D. Bidwell, captain of the Hongkong Rugby Football Club and a former Shanghai Interport player, Hongkong is officially unaware of the Marines' willingness to play in the Colony. Local officials have not been approached and, in short, "Hongkong knows nothing whatever of the matter."

A United Press message states that in an eight-column banner-line story, the *Shanghai Evening Post* sports editor, Joe Morang, yesterday wrote: "It does not look as if Hongkong will be extending much hospitality to the United States Fourth Marines rugby team, which is probably the best ever fielded by the Marines, and which some consider the best local aggregation."

"Although the Marines have made no statement officially, it is well known they are angry at Hongkong's failure to invite them to an Interport although they are willing to pay their own expenses."

"The Commander, Col. J. Fegan, is extremely favourable towards such a match. He says it is possible that through a mix up, Hongkong has not been informed of the Marines' willingness to play an Interport rugby match."

"Perhaps an investigation as to the reason for there being no invitation might shed some light on a distasteful situation."

ARMY UNAWARE

It was suggested this morning that the Army sports authorities might be able to throw some light on the matter, but Capt. E. H. B. Neill, the Army Sports Officer, told the *Telegraph* that he knew nothing about it either.

INDOOR BOWLS FEATS

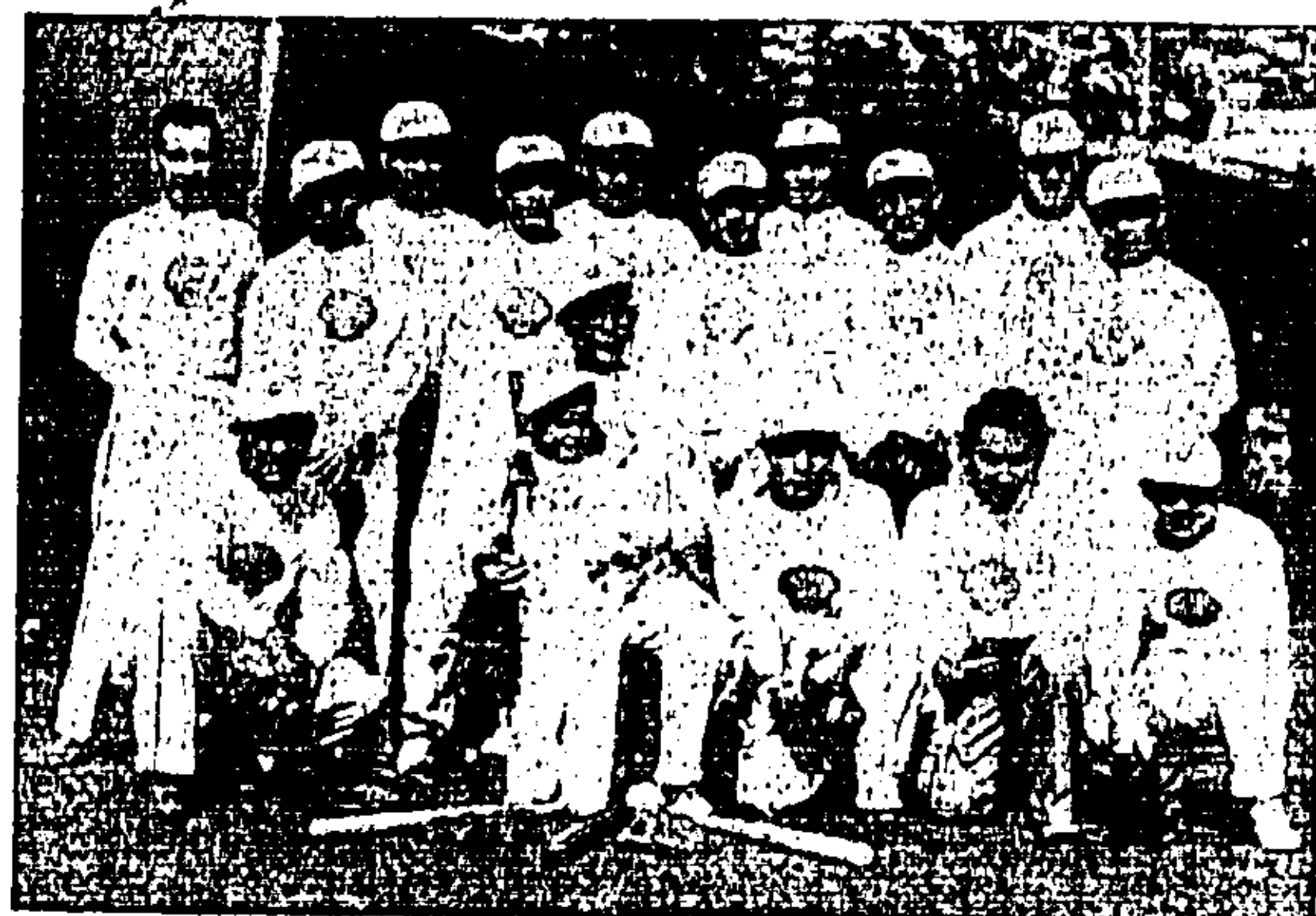
Highest Scorers During Last Month

Highest scores for January at the bowling alleys were: Duck Pins—Women, Mrs. E. Soong (135); men, Sapper E. Proctor (139). Ten Pins—Women, Mrs. S. A. Tennell (181); men, Gaddi, Michael, Devonshire and Heather (234). The four men will play-off for the Watson Shield. Heather has beaten Michael 821-796 over five games.

The naval singles championship, which opened last month, has made little progress, only four matches of the 24 having been played in the first round. Results are: First round—Tel. H. J. Everett (Stonecutters) beat P. O. A. W. Cox (Folkstone) 419-209; Sto. W. S. Goodison (Thracian) beat E. H. A. B. Collins (Terantula) 352-308; Sto. P. C. A. Tom (Thracian) beat Sto. F. S. Robertson (Medway) 354-302. Second round—H. J. Everett beat Ldg. Sto. T. Annis (Thracian) 468-285.

MANILA TEAM

The Manila team will leave Manila on March 12 on the Empress of Russia and arrive here on February 14. Games will be played on February 19, 20 and 22. The probable departure will be on the Conte Biancamano on February 25. It is hoped the team will play against Macao on February 23 or 24.



The "Shell" softball team which has entered for the Inter-Hong League. There are several fine players in this outfit.—Photo by Royal Studio.

GERMANY SUGGESTS A NEW SCHEME FOR DAVIS CUP TOURNEY

By A. Wallis Myers

London, Jan. 11.

For some time past the German lawn tennis authorities have favoured a revision of Davis Cup conditions so as to modify the long itinerary which may now be necessary under the existing rules.

A recent rescript issued by the sports leader relative to official approval for teams entering or leaving Germany has now brought this question to a head, and a decision may conceivably affect Germany's future participation in the international team championship. The German team has never yet been able to reach the challenge round. The nearest attempt—and it was a surprisingly gallant effort—was at Wimbledon in 1937, when C. Von Cramm led Donald Budge 4-1 in the fifth set of the fifth match against America in the inter-zone final.

A few more winners from the German, or a less resolute recovery by the champion, and Germany would not only have beaten the Americans, but probably captured the Davis Cup as well.

GERMANY'S NEW TEAM This year her team will lack the services of Von Cramm, but will have those of H. Henkel, R. Menzel and G. von Metaxa. Menzel has been absorbed with the Sudetenland and Metaxa with Austria.

They have a good prospect of winning the European zone again, but their executive feel, I understand, that their chances of going further must be weakened by the cumulative strain of playing continuously from May to September. For, of course, in addition to four or five Davis Cup matches, the German team is expected to compete in the French, British and German championships.

How can the long burden of match play be lightened? The Germans suggest that the zone winners of the previous year should be exempted from playing in the earlier eliminatory rounds of the next year. They are to bring their plan before the Davis Cup Committee, meeting in London next July.

It is not a new plan and has been discussed before. The increasing strain of competition may give it a more favourable hearing.

SEVERAL OBJECTIONS The objections hitherto lodged are several. One is the complaint of the smaller countries, whose funds may be low, that their players and public would not get an opportunity of having the best European teams on their home courts. Another is the fact that the zone winners may obtain their prerogative by a small and inconclusive margin. Their nearest rival would have to stand the racket of the "knock-out" rounds.

The American Association, holding the Davis Cup, and the controlling body at present. The German proposal, or any variation of it that may be feasible, will first have to be considered in New York. Any revision could not be operative before 1940.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7.) mollify—Arabesque—mollusc—arbitrator—arment—arbitr—archoology

CHANGES IN INTERPORT RUGBY TEAM

Crawford, Griffiths Out Of The Fifteen

Two changes have been made in the All-Hongkong side to play Malaya in the final game of the Interport series on Saturday.

Lieut. Humphrey, of the Navy, will replace Lieut. Crawford, of the Army, and Lieut. Anderson (Navy) will fill the position vacated by Lieut. Griffiths (Navy). Both changes are in the pack.

The Hongkong team, therefore, will be as follows:

Lieut. Stevens (Navy); H. D. Bidwell (Club); W. E. Grieve (Club); P. O. Asakwiti (Navy); D. H. Stewart (Club); Lieut. Elliott (Navy); J. R. Henderson (Club); Lieut. Guthrie (Army); E. W. Sailer (Club); K. A. Watson (Club); W. E. Peters (Club); A. F. Walkden (Club); Lieut. Anderson (Navy); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lieut. Humphrey (Navy).

Jean Borotra Wins A New Title

London, Jan. 11.

The two French Davis Cup players, J. Borotra and C. Boussus, have just won notable victories on the Continent.

Returning to Riviera tournaments after many years, Borotra won the Monaco singles championship at Monte Carlo, beating R. Tansescu, of Rumania, in the final 6-3, 11-9. Boussus won the New Year covered court tournament at St. Moritz, beating A. Lacroix the Belgian champion, in the final 6-4. In the semi-final Lacroix beat M. D. Deloford 6-3, 8-10, 7-6, and Boussus beat W. C. Choy 14-12, 6-1.

Hockey Club "A" To Play Navy

The following team has been selected to represent the "A" XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Royal Navy 2nd XI on the Club ground on Friday, February 10. W. Brown; W. G. Schabel, E. V. Reed; L. Stubbuck, H. J. D. Lowe, A. M. J. Wright; G. D. Woolgar, A. H. Pontius, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), E. F. A. Morgan, and K. A. Blomend.

Crabbe May Swim In Australia

Union's Plans For Next Season

Brisbane, Jan. 14.

After this season's experience of nearly being left without an overseas swimmer, the Australian Amateur Swimming Union is thinking of next season.

An invitation is likely to be issued to "Buster" Crabbe, who will be one of America's principal representatives at the Finland Olympiad.

The transfer of the 1940 Olympiad from Japan to Finland will make it more difficult to secure leading world swimmers. It will mean more time and greater cost.

Crabbe's status as an amateur was considered to have been affected by his appearance in films as Tarzan and Gay Gordon, and he was disqualified.

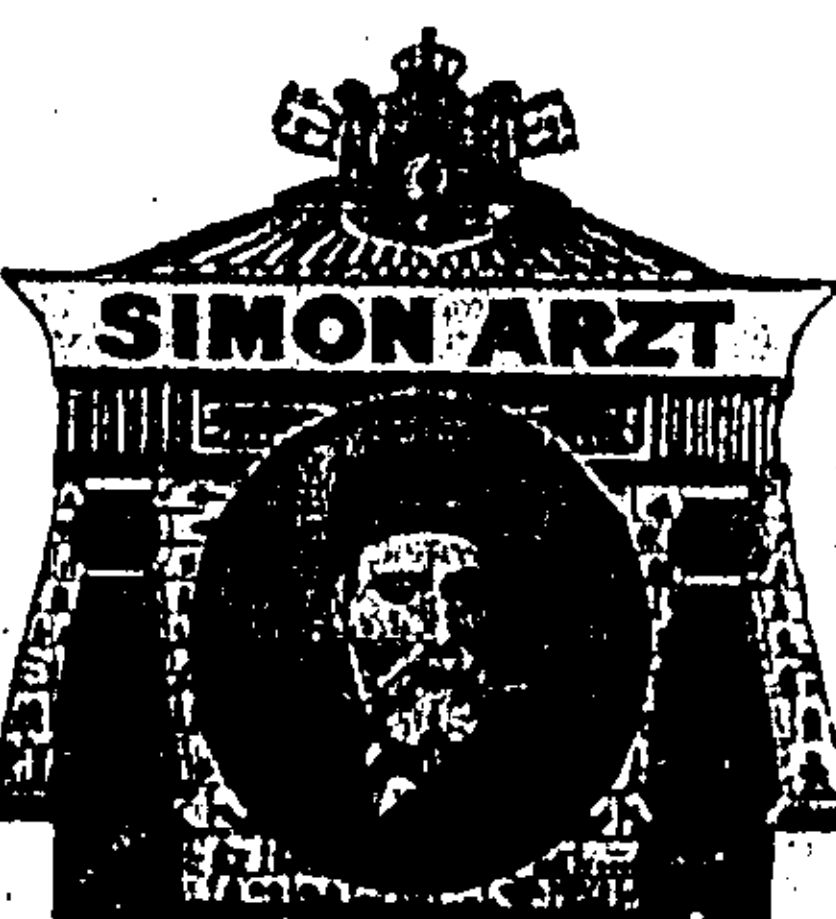
His reinstatement came when he furnished proof to the Amateur Athletic Union of America that his acting and not his swimming had led to the film engagement.

He is being trained by Frank Cady, who brought Jack Medica to Australia.

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The success of this amazing discovery, called Dr. Nixon's Vi-Tabs has been so great in America that it is now being distributed by all chemists here under a guarantee of complete satisfaction or money back. In other words, Dr. Nixon's Vi-Tabs must make you feel full of vigour and energy and from 10 to 20 years younger, or you intirely return the empty package and get your money back. A special, double-strength bottle of Dr. Nixon's Vi-Tabs costs little, and the guarantee protects you. If your chemist can't supply you, write to Muller & Phipps, (China), Ltd., 20 Queen's Road C, Hongkong.



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Worth Knowing

If a watch or clock has to be kept near an invalid, cover it with a glass tumbler, for it can then be seen without the ticking being heard by the patient.

After cleaning suede shoes with a rubber brush, rub them over with a piece of velvet, for it will greatly enhance their appearance.

Should the crown of a hat become so stretched as to make the fitting too easy, substitute a strip of velvet for the usual silk lining, for the hat can then be worn without discomfort, even in a strong wind.

Paint spots that have been split on woodwork can easily be removed by rubbing them gently with a cloth dipped in warm vinegar.

Search marks on chair legs are best treated by taking two pads of cotton-wool and soaking one in sweet oil and the other in methylated spirits. Rub with the spirit and then immediately with the oil, repeating the operation until the heat marks have disappeared.

Rub new picture cord with beeswax before fixing it to the picture and it will render the cord rot and damp proof, so avoiding any risk of it breaking.

Use blotting paper for lining the shelves of a medicine chest, for any drops that run down the bottles will be absorbed, so leaving the shelves quite clean.

G. G. T.

Australian Cheese Scones

THESE scones are very tasty:—
Sieve 2 cups of flour with 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Rub in a small piece of butter and add ½ cupful of grated cheese.

Then stir in 1 cupful of butter milk to make a fairly soft dough. Mix quickly and cut out the scones. Place them in a greased sheet and bake in a hot oven.

B. M.

Why Not Keep A Homework Chart?

It is a good idea to measure your children's progress at school by keeping a special chart on which to record the amount of homework that they do each evening, the number of marks that they gain in various exercises and examinations, and other useful data which will prove both of interest and value in many different ways.

The chart should be quite easily made. On a sheet of stout cardboard print a list of your child's school subjects, and opposite each draw a long horizontal column. At the right-hand side of the chart leave a vertical column for additional remarks.

Remember each evening to write up the amount and type of homework that your child has done. For example, you may write up "History, pages 41 to 44" or "Reading, pages 71 to 75." In this way you will have a complete record of each term's work, and this will be especially useful when examination time approaches and revision becomes necessary.

You should, of course, let the children know of the chart. The knowledge that their scholastic progress is being put on record will make them much more eager to do well at school. It will also show them that others in addition to their teachers are interested in their work.

J. G. I.

Frills for Mother

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GRACE



1219

1220

Two pretty frocks. The lace and georgette frock with sleeveless coatee is in turquoise blue. Left, the single draped rever and angled seam in the graceful skirt are stunning fashion points.

These months there is a great deal of entertaining, dining out and family parties. So before you are overwhelmed by preparations, my advice is—give your new dress careful consideration, especially if your measures are above the average.

It's not just a question of choosing a style with lines going down if you are plump, and never wearing all-round stripes. More important is the fact that your dress must be becoming. Softening lines will help to melt the inches off your figure much more effectively; then, too, choice of material plays a large part.

Soft ring velvet or a satin back maroon are my choice of fabrics for No. 1219. That angled seam in the skirt from the waist will slim the hips, and the one-sided rever dresses up the bodice without giving a broadening line.

For a more dressy style you cannot do better than choose the lace and georgette dress with sleeveless coatee, on the right; No. 1220.

Note the panels of lace on the skirt, which are also repeated in the bodice, where they are gently eased into the pointed V, so that there is no feeling of plainness or strain.

Sleeves are of lace and the sleeveless coatee of georgette cut to well below the hips enhances the slenderising line.

I can see this party dress looking most attractive in royal blue, dahlia, and the new valley green.

Onion Souffle

POIL six medium-sized onions with a carrot. Drain the onions well, and pass them through a sieve.

Put the puree into a saucepan and stir in an ounce each of butter and flour. Season to taste and simmer for quarter of an hour, stirring well.

Then stir in the yolks of two eggs, one at a time, taking care that the mixture does not boil. When it has cooled a little mix in lightly the stiffly whipped whites of three eggs.

Turn into a buttered soufflé dish and bake for half an hour.

B. M.

MERINGUE PIE

PUT a layer of meringues, broken up roughly, in the bottom of a crystal dish and coat them with a mixture of whipped cream and melted chocolate.

Then add another layer of meringues and so on till the dish is full, ending with a layer of whipped cream and chocolate. Sprinkle the top thickly with chopped, roasted almonds.

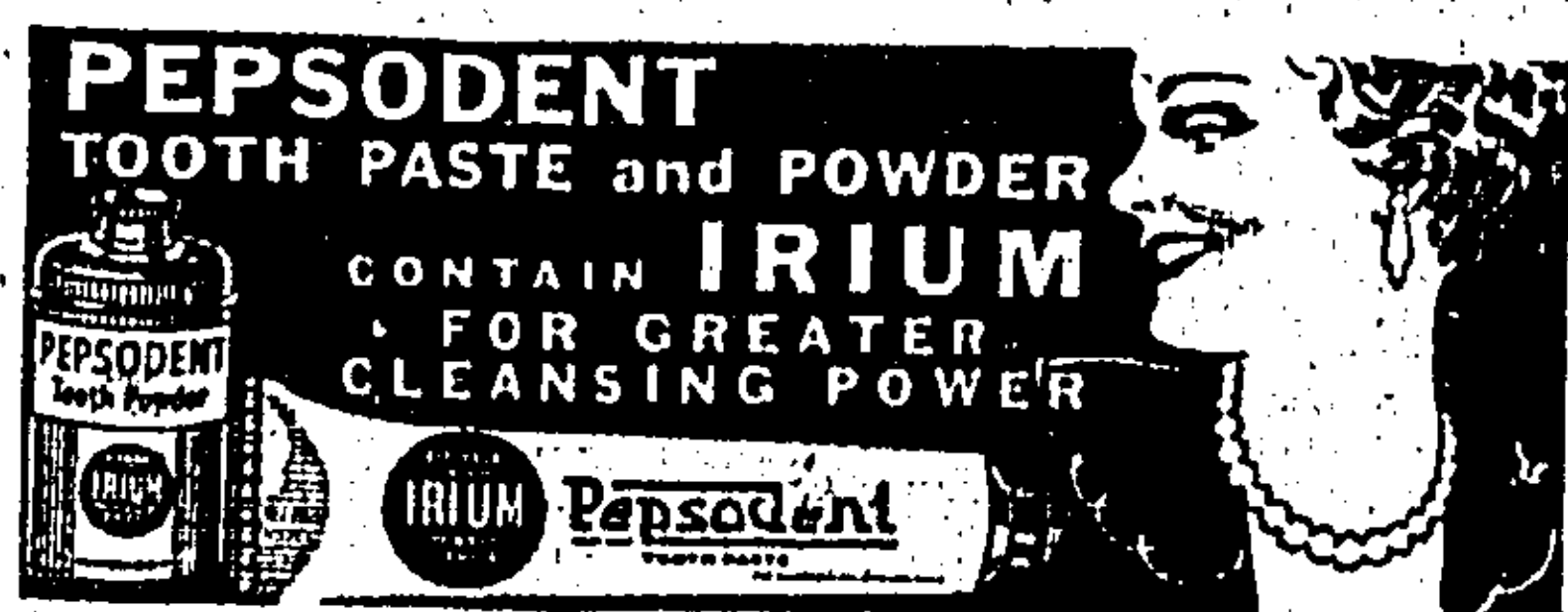
Perfume An Aid To Charm

PERFUME, designed originally as kitchen or a man with a foul pipe in an aid to beauty, is apt to be the restaurant.

There are women who have no sense of smell themselves and pour on perfume indiscriminately, or those who mix their scents wildly—violet, lavender soap and a dash of eau-de-Cologne behind the ears. Then they go into warm dining-rooms where food is supposed to have first of all, and keep it in a cool flavour and wine a bouquet, and place with the bottle firmly corked. She applies it only to such things as can be washed next day—to her skin, her handkerchief, and maybe a touch on her hair. She never pours it on her clothes, certainly not on an essential part of a woman's charm. It suggested refinement, feminine allure, and all that kind of thing.

To-day women should use perfume with artistry and with talent, and certainly with discrimination. For myself, I have such an appreciation of good food that I am in-fragrant; he will even admit that it clined to think that heavy perfume is pleasing out of doors. But in the dining-room is an insult to dining-room where his senses are good cooking. It spoils the enjoyment of people with sensitive palates, and can be just as unpleasant as a strong perfume strong smell of cabbage from the

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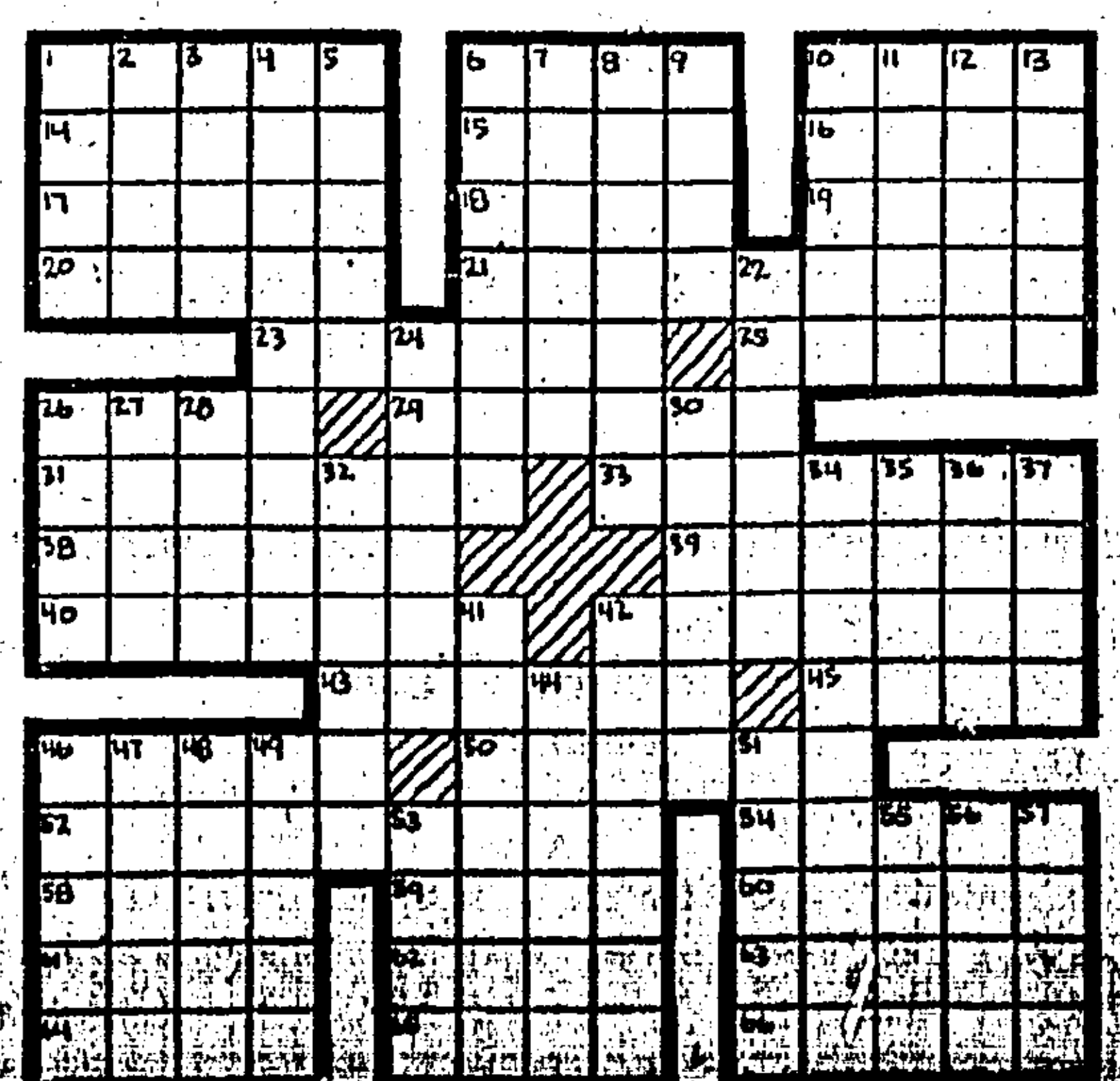
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| 1—Unit of distance | 2—Porcelain ruler | 3—Quilt | 4—Dining | 5—Unusual | 6—Date identify | 7—Biblical name | 8—Bamboo report | 9—Leitner's word (Latin) | 10—One more | 11—Lie easily | 12—Item of property | 13—Withered | 14—Knowledge gained by | 15—Congregated | 16—Divide into three | 17—Last | 18—One who makes effort (Scottish) | 19—Rondous | 20—Justly due | 21—Ate in company | 22—Old fashioned | 23—Domestic (cat) | 24—Break continuity of | 25—Burro | 26—Bucciant (poetic) | 27—Call to | 28—Exposition of pleasure | 29—Obscure inscription | 30—See-what | 31—Cubic meter | 32—Mead | 33—Taverna | 34—Three-syllable measure | 35—Leading actor | 36—Common plant | 37—Carrier of by | 38—Dish | 39—Got up | 40—Fermentation agent | 41—Blood virus | 42—Part of garment | 43—Milk | 44—Olivia's nickname | 45—Train name | 46—Mountain nymphs | 47—Decorative agent | 48—Political feature of note | 49—Norse Napoleon was called | 50—Unit of codity | 51—Structure | 52—Large plant | 53—Grinding implements | 54—Indifferent | 55—Docks | 56—State void | 57—Throw rock at | 58—Bunched | 59—Bridges | 60—Mother of Zeus | 61—Father | 62—Healer | 63—Prophet |



A reefer, at left, with a notched collar of fur fabric. The off-face hat, right, with crossed crown and grosgrain chin strap in matching felt. Is worn with a new wrap coat with blossomed back in saddle brown camel hair fabric. It is a general sports coat for bicycling, in navy, teal or camel colour. Anorak. It is completely lined with clean plaid for extra warmth.

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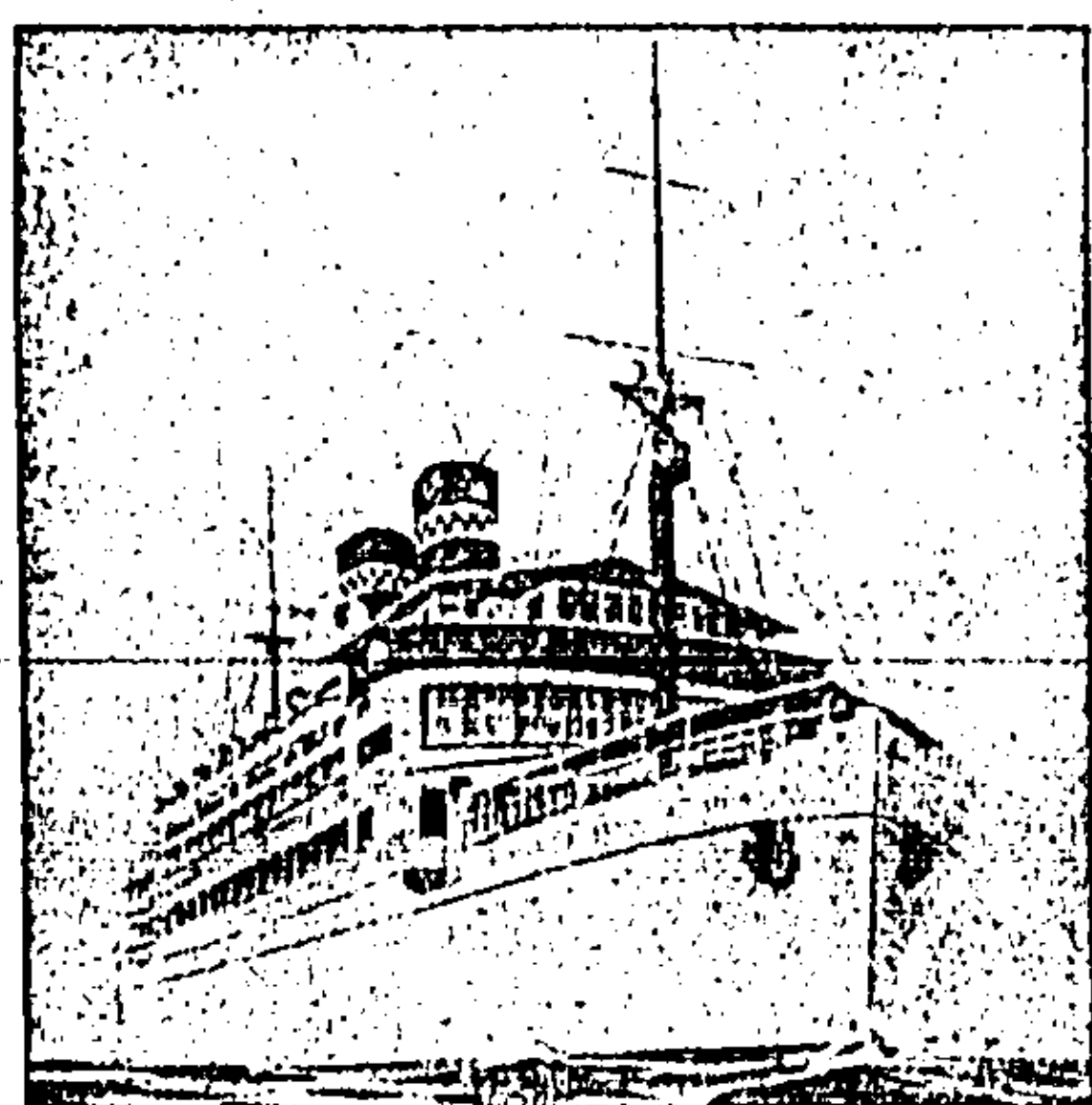
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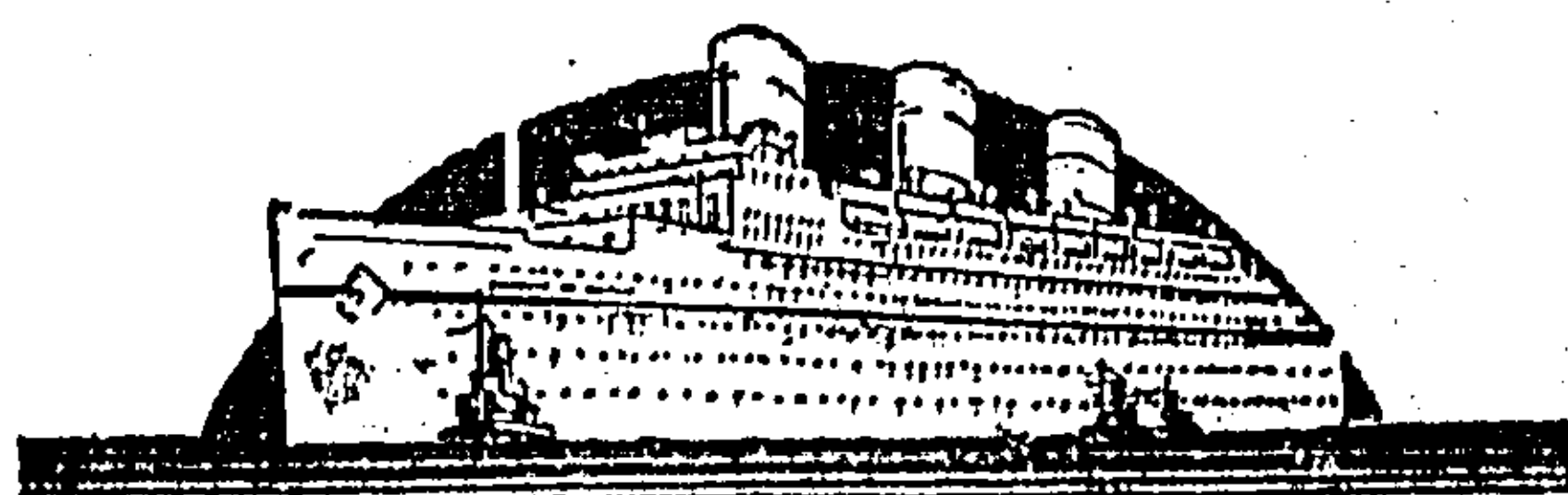
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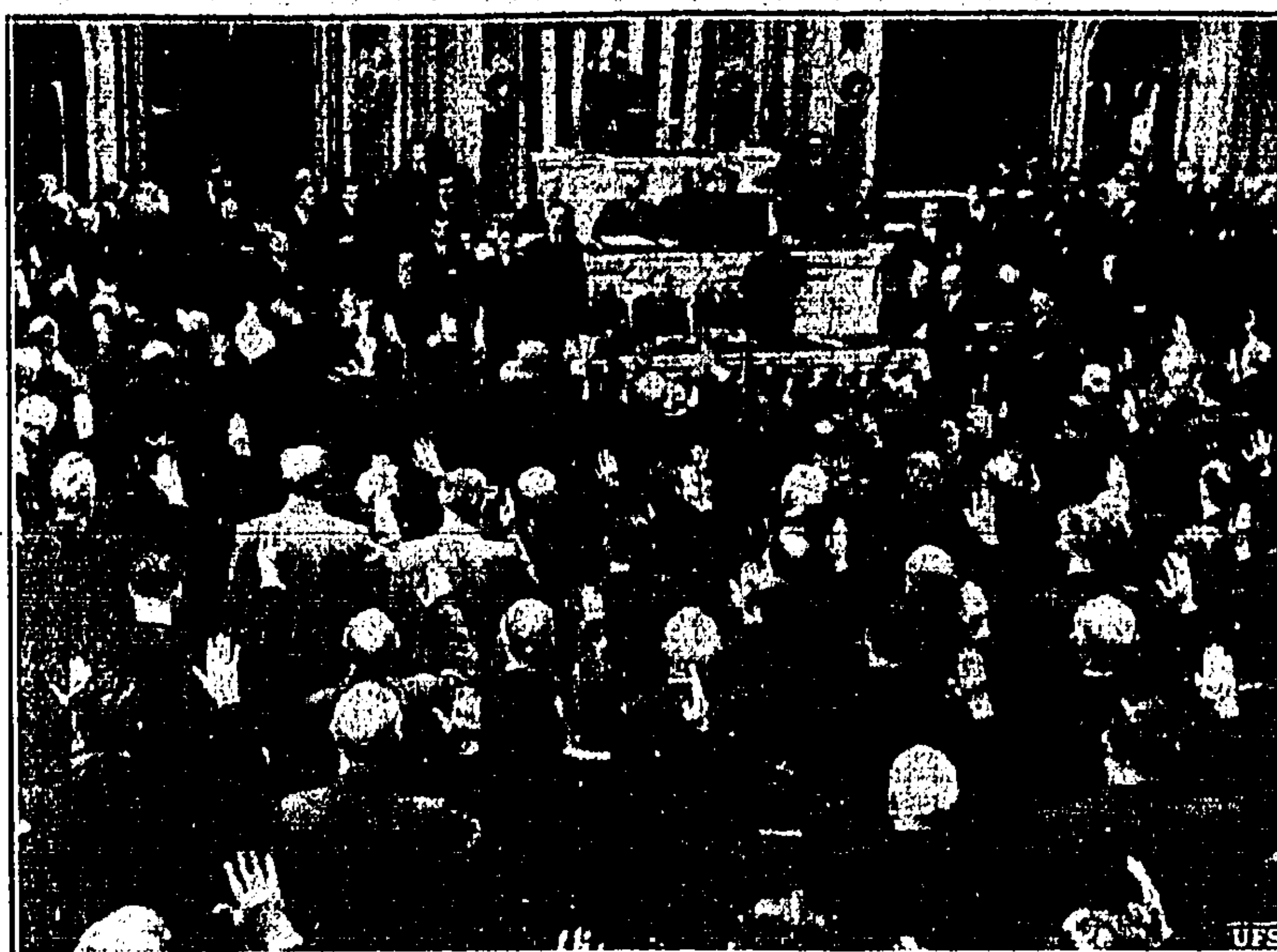
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PHOTONEWS



This is the scene in the House of Representatives in Washington, as Speaker William B. Bankhead gave the oath to members of the 76th Congress. A spirit of independence not apparent in Congress for six years was clearly seen by political observers, who predicted that many hard-fought battles will punctuate the coming sessions. The session shown above was only 30 minutes long, but a special committee submitted a report indicating the present system of unemployment relief.



Recently farmer Fred Smith, right, discovered oil on his farm near St. Elmo, Ill., and sold a lease for \$50,000, with an excellent royalty forthcoming on the oil it produces. So Mr. Smith went out and bought seven automobiles, one for each of his six children and one for himself and his wife. That's his son Harold with him, at left.



A new X-ray machine, designed to operate at 1,000,000 volts, yet small enough for installation in existing hospital buildings, is being assembled, as above, at the General Electric Company's plant at Schenectady, N. Y. L. E. Dempster, left, and W. F. Westendorp are the designers. With a heavy lead shield it weighs 4,000 pounds.



Charming June Clyde, British screen and stage actress, tries out the latest of sports, snow-scooting, while spending a vacation at St. Moritz, Switzerland. One of her playmates in the famed winter resort has been Count Curt Haugwitz-Reventlow, estranged husband of the former Barbara Hutton, five-and-dime heiress.



Yoshimiko Kawashima, Manchu princess known as the "Mata Hari of Japan," the nation's cleverest spy, shot and killed in Tientsin by Chinese patriots, according to a report from Chungking, China. Killers were believed to have trailed her from Hongkong where she had met Japanese leaders in connection with plans to set up a new Japanese Central Government in China. She was the daughter of Prince Su of the old Chinese court.

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London, Feb. 7.
Burma is soon to have its own national flag and to take its place as an autonomous state within the British Commonwealth, a position formally granted after separation from India in 1937.
The new flag shows, on a blue field, the Union Jack in the top left corner and on the right half a peacock in natural colours, set in a circle of gold. The peacock design is taken from silver coins issued in 1852, during the reign of King Mindon. Since then it has come to be regarded as the national emblem of Burma.—Trans-Ocean.

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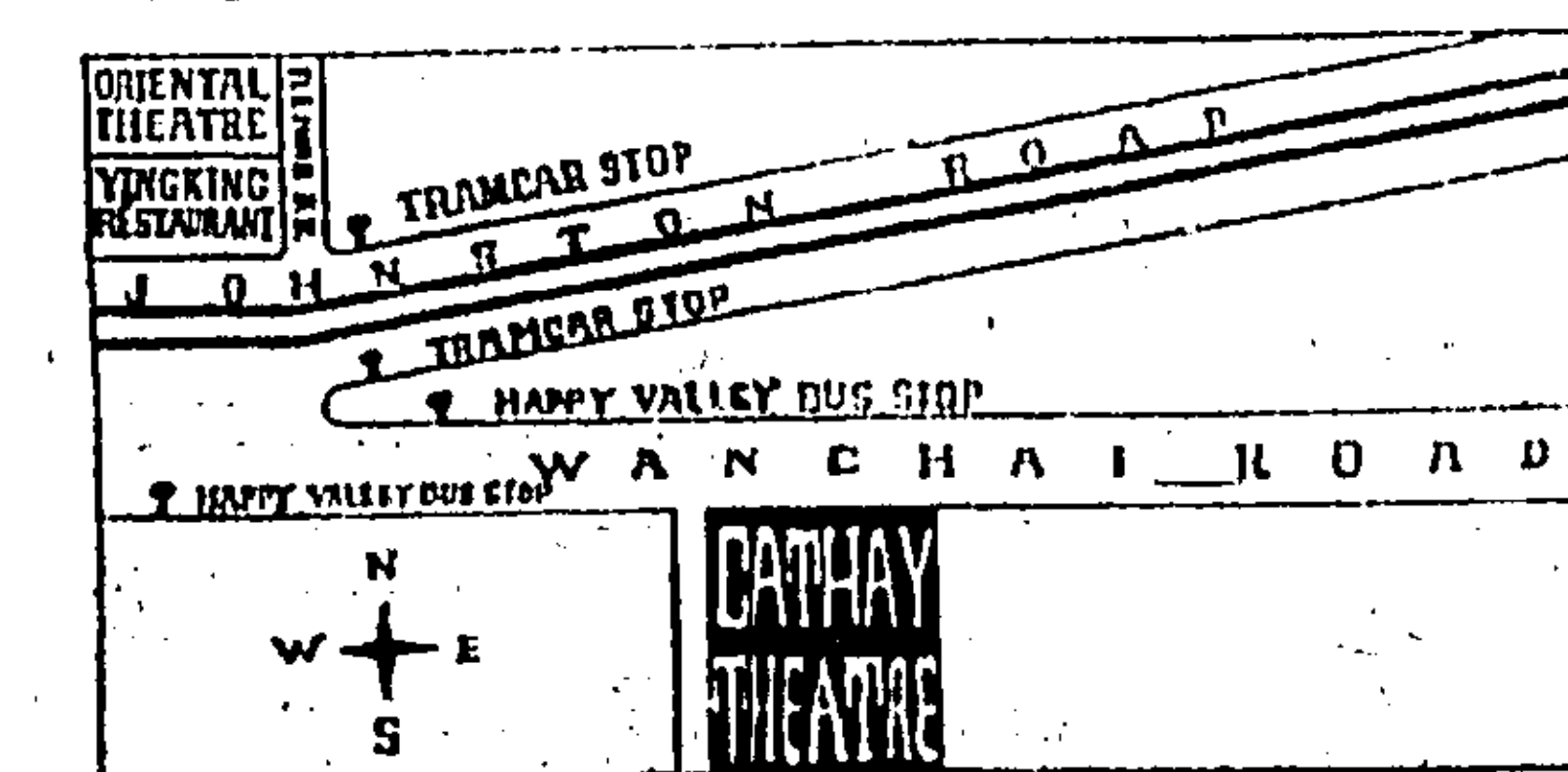


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RECENT INVESTIGATIONS by German military authorities have revealed that 20 per cent. of the German iron and steel industry and 10 per cent. of the coal mines lie within range of French artillery. Moreover, about five million Germans live in this exposed frontier section.

One of the paragraphs in the Treaty of Versailles stipulated that all of the German fortifications should be destroyed, and that a demilitarised zone in which no German soldier was allowed to set foot should be established along the entire western frontier to a depth of 25 miles east of the Rhine. With the re-occupation of the Rhineland in 1936 the process of re-equipping this defenceless condition was begun, but the progress during the next two years was entirely inadequate for protecting the Reich against invasion or guaranteeing an adequate defence.

SYSTEM OF FORTS

Since no modern military commander would think of sending his infantry to storm positions that had not previously been reduced to ruins through destructive artillery fire, tanks and bombing planes, the first and foremost task was to secure the western frontier against these weapons.

The requirements were threefold:
1. The individual forts and bastions had to be so heavily armoured that they would withstand endless pounding from the enemy artillery.
2. Adequate barriers and obstacles had to be erected to prevent the tanks of the aggressor, including the large ones and also the so-called amphibian tanks, from reaching the actual firing lines.
3. The entire system had to be secured against air attacks through concealment.

CONTINUOUS LINE

In conformity with the most modern experience and theory in the construction of defence fortifications, the German Maginot Line is not a continuous, connected series but composed of a number of individual forts or bastions of which each is an independent, self-sufficient unit.

Nor is this system, confined to a narrow line of forts along the frontier, but comprises a wide, fortified zone between 30 and 45 miles in depth. Through this extraordinary depth it is planned that should the enemy succeed, against all expectation, in reaching and taking the foremost fortifications, he would be subjected to the concentrated fire of the batteries to the rear and would be even more liable to destruction since the advance from this point would have to take place in smaller, divided groups. The chess-board arrangement of the bastions and forts would compel the enemy to break up his forces, and in the further advance he would constantly stumble upon the new fire-trapping forts which had lain hidden from view and had remained silent until the most auspicious moment of attack was at hand.

ANTI-TANK MEASURES

The first condition for any advance is that the advancing tanks should succeed in breaking down every obstacle in order to pave the way for the other forces. In order to prevent this, a line of tank barriers designed according to the latest data has been laid along the entire frontier.

The most outstanding among these is the "hump barrier," which is constructed that its concrete teeth will hold up the progress of the tank and should an attempt be made to climb over, the tank will be held up long enough for the concealed artillery to do its work.

Another obstacle undisputed in its effectiveness is the series of pits up to 130 feet wide, very deep, and filled with running water.

Special barriers have been erected for amphibian tanks, it being assumed in military circles that they will form one of the most formidable weapons of the future.

Tanks as well as advancing infantry will meet with a most effective barrier in the securely anchored barbed-wire entanglements, which cover many miles in irregularly placed zones.

GAS-PROOF FORTS
The principal defence strength of the fortifications lines, however, is the armoured concrete bastions and forts which form the nucleus of the entire system.

Walls of reinforced concrete and armour plate have attained a resistance undreamt of during the Great War, and will make it possible for the troops in modern German forts to remain in security throughout days of bombardment from the heaviest artillery.

Each of these forts is entirely gas-proof, and an adequate reserve of ammunition has been stored in specially protected rooms so that the defenders can hold out for an indefinite period.

Still more elaborate facilities have been provided for the soldiers who man the forts—kitchens, washing rooms, first aid quarters and rest rooms being constructed on several subterranean levels. Each fort is provided with its own electrical plant and water supply, and is equipped in such a manner that a considerable number of soldiers can remain there for months on end if necessary. Connection between the different units has been provided through tunnels deep in the earth so that gun crews may be relieved and supplies delivered even while the forts are under fire.

17,000 UNITS
Over 17,000 of these units ranging from small bastions to large forts have been constructed between Holland and Lake Constance, leaving no section of the territory uncovered.

All of the structures have been covered with a deep layer of earth and as soon as the natural vegetation again springs up, the landscape will be in no way altered by the line of fortifications.

Only an experienced observer will be able to perceive here and there amongst the shrubbery and trees the threatening muzzle of a gun, while he himself will be constantly observed by dozens of guards peering through binoculars from concealed loopholes, log-outs and armoured turrets.—Trans-Ocean.

Suffolk Going Home Soon

H.M.S. Suffolk will be raising anchor shortly to join the naval exercises at Singapore, prior to returning to the United Kingdom for refit and recommission.

The cruiser, one of the County class which has not been reconstructed with a hangar, was commissioned last at Chatham in January 1937 under the command of Capt. C. S. Sandford, O.B.E.

After taking part in the exercises at Singapore, the cruiser may visit the Philippines on a southern cruise before going home.

Japanese Airfield Near Pakhoi

Holihow, Feb. 8.

The Japanese have completed the construction of the airfield on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi.

There is now one small-sized aircraft-carrier anchored near the island. It is said that the planes which bombed Nanning and other Kwangsi towns were from this aircraft-carrier.

About ten Japanese warships are off the coast of Pakhoi, Yamhsien and Fongshing.—Central News.

British Credits To China

London, Feb. 7.

Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he was in a position to make a further statement about the granting of additional credits to facilitate trade with China, and whether steps are to be taken within the scope of the Export Credit Bill, or in addition to the new powers sought therein, Mr. R. S. Hudson said he was not in a position to make a further statement.

The scope of the Exports Guarantee Bill depends on the circumstances of the particular case.—Reuter.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

London, Feb. 7.

Formal discussions between the Federation of British Industries and German Industries will begin in February with a view to devising means to settle trade competition, declared Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons to-day.

He said that with goodwill on both sides, it should be possible to solve the problem, thus obviating the need for recourse to other methods.

The negotiations will cover competition in neutral markets, including the question of the south-eastern Europe markets.—Reuter.

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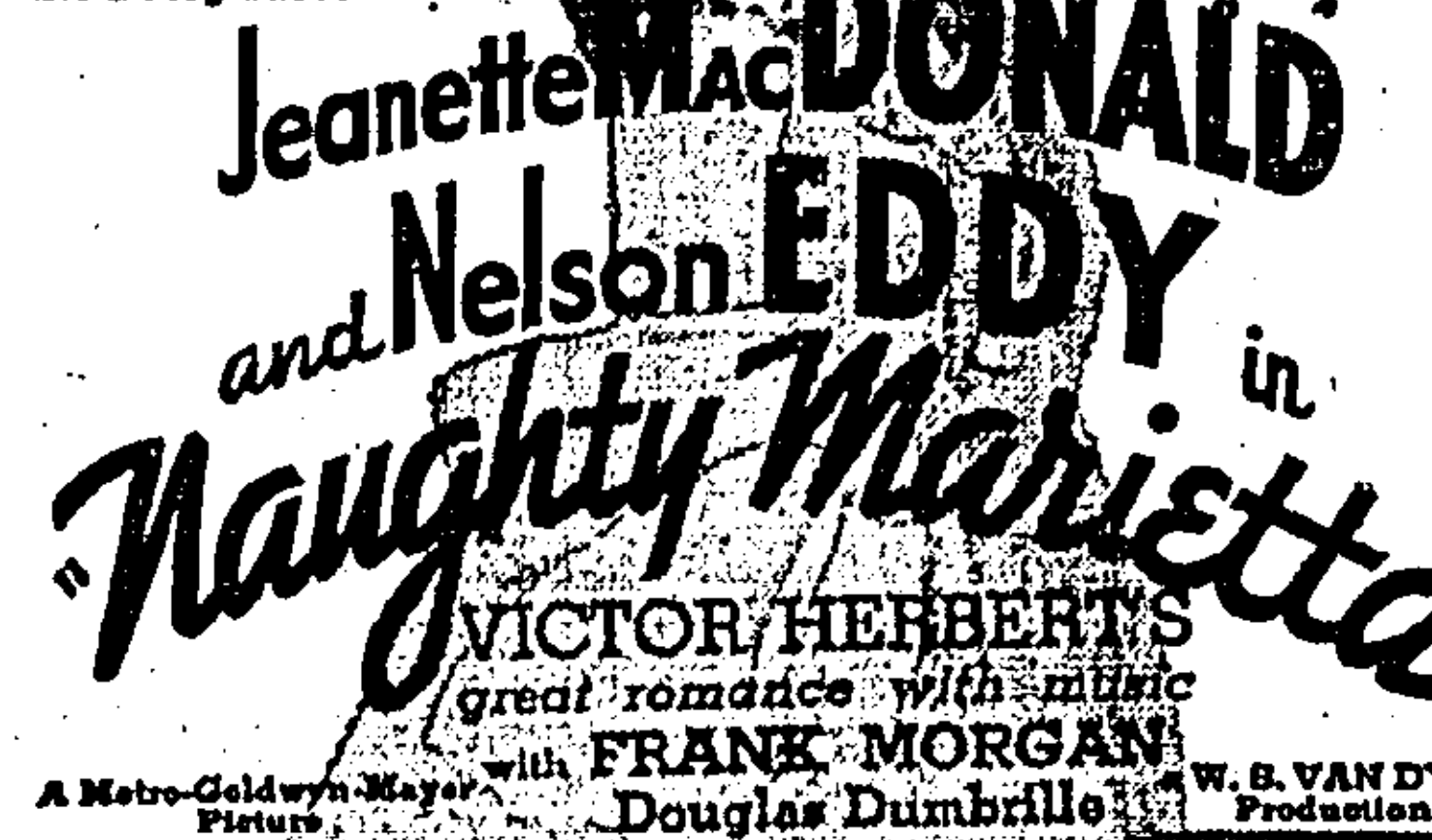
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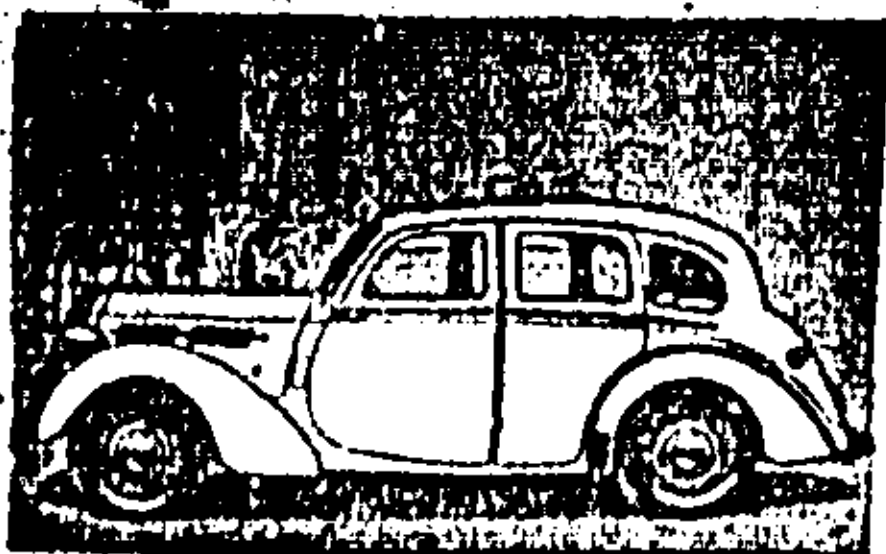
Huge Appropriation to Be Sought in Congress

Washington, Feb. 8.
The Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives is introducing a measure to-morrow authorising the immediate increase of the army air force from 2,320 machines to 6,000. The Bill authorises the expenditure of \$387,000,000 and is part of President Roosevelt's \$552,000,000 requested for his emergency arms programme.

It is believed that the plane building programme will begin immediately at an estimated cost of \$300,000,000. The Bill also provides for student training colleges, hoping to create a reserve of 20,000 technicians and pilots. It also provides for \$23,750,000 for reinforcing the Panama Canal defences.—United Press.

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"FIGHT TO LAST" DECISION ANNOUNCED BY LOYALISTS

BRITISH SHIPS HELD UP

SHANGHAI,

Feb. 8.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY stated that the British coastal vessels, Ming Sang and Tai Sang, both belonging to Jardines, were detained by the Japanese authorities at Chefoo yesterday, allegedly in order to examine the ships' papers.

Following representations by the British authorities, the steamers were released after several hours' detention.

The Tai Sang was released last night, while the Ming Sang was freed this morning.

Their papers are at present being investigated by the British Consul at Chefoo.—*Reuter*.

LANCASHIRE'S "WORST YEAR"

LONDON, Feb. 7.

LAST YEAR was the worst for Lancashire cotton and piece-goods exports for 90 years, and the worst for yarn exports, apart from the war years, since the cotton famine in the early 60's.

This description is contained in the report of the Joint Committee of the Cotton Trade Organisations.

The output of cotton yarn fell by 22 per cent., piece-goods by 25 per cent., and yarn exports by 28 per cent. compared with 1937.

The fall in the output of piece-goods for the home market was almost as great. British trade in piece-goods increased in only four markets, notably Hongkong, where this was largely due to the diversion of trade from Chinese ports.

Exports to China and Hongkong, taken together, rose by 18 per cent.—*Reuter*.

Hiranuma-Konoye Parley To-Day

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Much interest is attached to the proposed interview between Baron Hiranuma, Japan's Premier, and Prince Konoye, the ex-Premier, this morning at Baron Hiranuma's official residence.—*United Press*.

ARMISTICE PLAN REJECTED: CIVIL WAR TO CONTINUE

LONDON, Feb. 7.

THE SPANISH LOYALIST GOVERNMENT has rejected the Insurgent demands for an unconditional surrender, and has rejected the Anglo-French pleas for peace.

It announced that it would return to Valencia to carry on the war in southern Spain.

The Embassy in London announced to-day that Dr. Negrin was determined to fight to the end in the Madrid and Valencia zone—nine provinces of about 47,000 square miles of rich territory—with General Miaja's central army.

MONTHS OF FIGHTING

It is reported that the Premier intends to leave one or two Ministers in France to settle the refugee problem.

The projected return of the Government to Valencia indicates that the 30 months-old war will be continued for weeks, possibly months. General Miaja commands nearly 400,000 well-trained troops for the defence of Madrid, Valencia, Cartagena, and Alicante.

Meanwhile, Insurgent military leaders scoff at the announcement of a Loyalist stand in the southern zone, and assert that General Franco will end the war with victory within six or eight weeks.—*United Press*.

FIGUERAS FALLS

Perpignan, Feb. 7. The Insurgents have captured Figueras and Rosas, the latter being 12 mls. below the French frontier, and where the Insurgents forced the Loyalist fleet to evacuate to seek refuge either in French ports, or to attempt to cruise down the coast to Valencia and Cartagena.

Meanwhile, it is reported that Loyalist morale in central Spain is cracking, and that a definite col-

lapse of the Loyalist cause might be near.

Travellers said that the Insurgents might reach the frontier opposite Le Perthus and Cerbere to-night, thus closing the last highway to France.

EFFORTS AT ARMISTICE

British and French diplomatic envoys have sought to arrange an armistice, and it is reported that the Loyalist leaders now insist only that there should be no reprisals.

It is reported that receipt of the news of the cracking of morale in central Spain has caused the apparent indecision of Dr. Negrin and other Loyalist leaders in the frontier region, who were conferring regarding the advisability of establishing new headquarters in the central region, and who are now conferring with the British and French regarding a possible armistice.—*United Press*.

108,000 REFUGEES

Paris, Feb. 7. The number of refugees from Catalonia up to Tuesday forenoon was estimated at 108,000.

However, it is not expected that the bulk of the Loyalist army will cross the frontier before Wednesday.

The last gold and silver reserves of the Bank of Spain arrived in eleven motor lorries at the French frontier near Le Perthus this morning. The motor lorries were crowded with refugees and their luggage, among which, customs officers discovered numerous cases containing gold and silver bars, the value of which is estimated at several hundred million gold pesetas.

The motor lorries were placed under the guard of French customs authorities.—*Trans-Ocean*.

FRANCE TO RECOGNISE GENERAL FRANCO?

Paris, Feb. 7. The immediate appointment of a French representative to Burgos was demanded in a resolution passed by 144 presidents of French Chambers of Commerce who met to-day in Paris.

The resolution points out that further delay in bringing about normal relations between France and Insurgent Spain would be highly detrimental to French commerce, and that, in addition to the nomination of a French diplomatic representative to Insurgent Spain, France, following the example of other nations, should send an economic commission to Insurgent Spain without delay.—*Trans-Ocean*.

APPOINTMENT SOON

Paris, Feb. 7. Diplomatic circles at the Quai d'Orsay said to-day that the appointment of a French General Plenipotentiary to the Insurgent Government would now be only a matter of hours or days.—*Trans-Ocean*.

"MEDITERRANEAN MUNICH" SEQUEL FEARED

London, Feb. 7. Britain and France are exerting all their strength to prevent the collapse (Continued on Page 4.)

ATTACK ON GODOWN WATCHMAN

AN ATTACK on a Chinese watchman by five robbers after they had broken into the Kowloon Godowns was revealed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when three men appeared before Mr. E. Hims-

The men were Wong Lok, 27, Cheng Muk, 33, and Wong Kik, 35. They were charged with breaking into the K34 Kowloon Godown yesterday and stealing 80 pounds of rubber.

First and second defendants were also charged with being found in the timber yard of the Godown for an unlawful purpose, and assaulting Wan Pui-chi, the watchman.

Defendants admitted the charges.

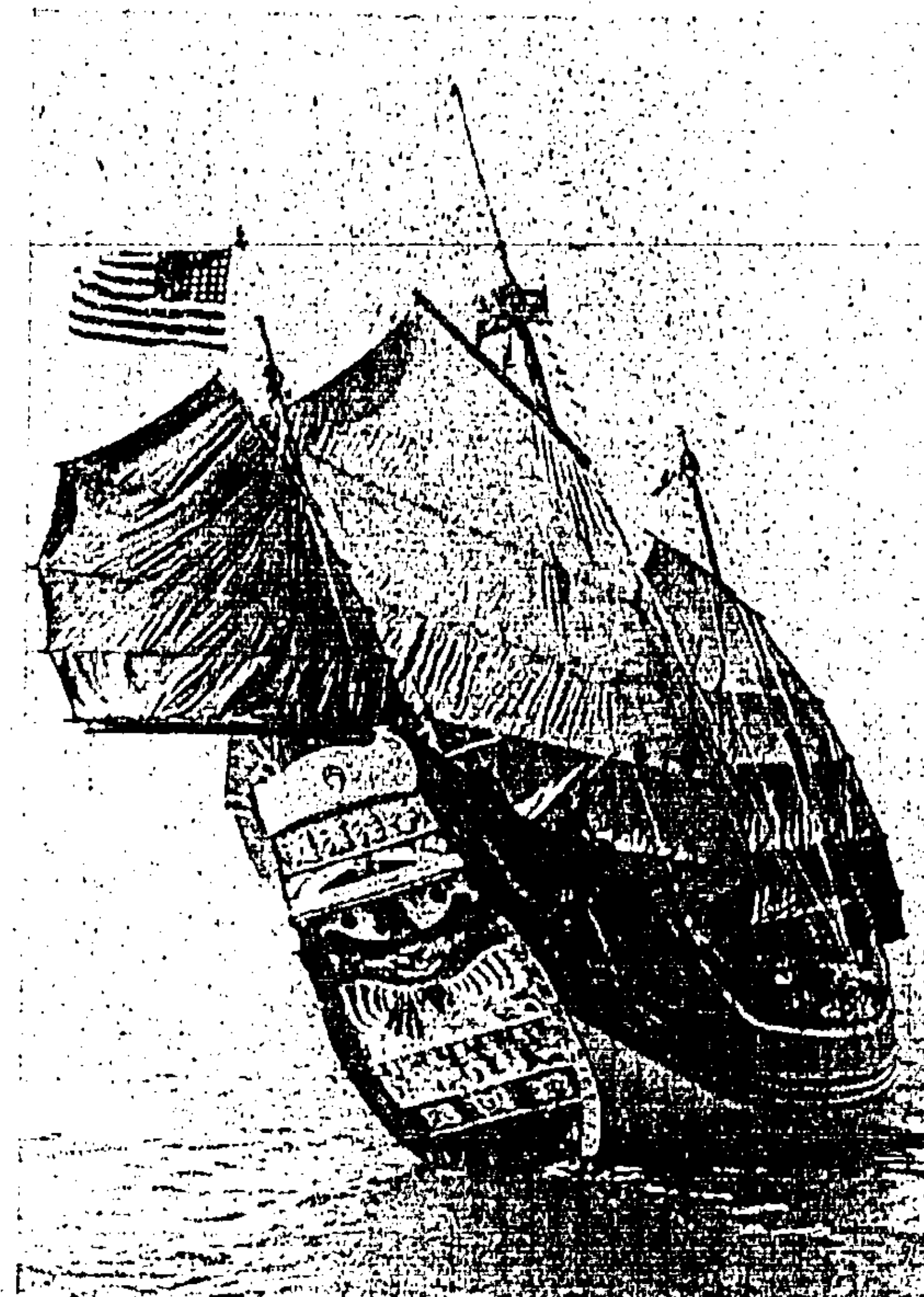
AWAKENED AT 3 A.M.

Detective Sergeant Cochrane said another watchman was awakened about three o'clock in the morning by sounds of "save life" and walked out to the timber yard of the godown to investigate.

He saw two men climbing over the wall, but could not stop them. He then went into the premises, and found the watchman lying on the ground with a piece of cloth tied around his neck, while he was bleeding in the mouth.

Two of the men were arrested on the premises, while the other man was caught as he was trying to get over the wall.

The watchman was later sent to the hospital for treatment. First two defendants were sentenced to three months' hard labour each, while third defendant, who had been recently bound over on a charge of blotting, was sentenced to five months' hard labour.



THE SEA DRAGON

Junk Returning: Man Aboard Very Ill

JOHN R. POTTER, a member of the crew of the Sea Dragon, is seriously ill aboard the junk.

The Sea Dragon is accordingly returning to Hongkong which it left on Saturday on a much-publicised Pacific crossing.

This information comes on top of the fact that on Tuesday the junk was reported to have experienced bad weather after the first day out and had gone only 175 miles towards Keelung.

Sailors said the powerful diesel auxiliary engine were encountering much opposition from heavy seas and progress was slow.

The voyage, sponsored by Richard Halliburton, well-known traveller and writer, had many delays before it was able to set out.

THE CREW

Those aboard are—Captain John Welch, skipper, Henry von Fehren, R. Davis, Gordon Petrich, radio operator, Paul Mooney, George Bastow, Robert Chase, Patrick Kelly, James Sligh and A. D. Flagg. The last-named replaced Gordon Torrey who fractured his ankle and is now in the Queen Mary Hospital.

The nature of Potter's illness is not known. It is hoped that if treatment is urgently called for, assistance will be sought from some large ship on the route.

However, it is thought that it cannot be an illness requiring immediate attention since the junk must have been nearer Keelung than Hongkong when it occurred and that port would have been the most natural to proceed to.

The difficulties of getting funds through Keelung and other reasons may have decided the skipper to take the longer journey to Hongkong.

"WIFE" IN COURT REPUDIATED

Father Tells Of
Uncontrollable Son

THE THEFT OF a sum of \$224 from his father, Sit Chuen, a fireman employed at the Tak-koo Sugar Refinery, Quarry Bay, on Monday, led to the appearance of a 20-year-old man, Sit Loi-hing, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant admitted stealing \$130, and his plea was accepted by Inspector W. A. Russell, who prosecuted. Inspector Russell said he was unable to prove that the defendant had taken the whole amount. It was known that \$224 was lying in a trunk at the complainant's house, No. 45 East Street, ground floor, Shanghai Lane, weeks ago, and it was missing on Monday.

Defendant, said Inspector Russell, went to his father's house about 8 a.m. on Monday, entering by climbing over the back wall. He broke open a cupboard, in which the money was kept, with a hammer and awl.

Complainant's tin-tong wife, Yuen Loi-ku, 24, saw the defendant, but he threatened to strike her with the hammer if she did not keep quiet. After he left a report was made to the police and he was arrested.

A "BAD BOY"

Complainant said he was unable to control his son, who was a "bad boy," and had many times threatened to assault him. Complainant declined to stand surety for his son's good behaviour.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Step forward and said she was defendant's wife. She complained that he had assaulted her on many occasions and had also threatened to assault her again.

Defendant denied Li was his wife, but admitted having threatened to hit the woman.

In addition to the prison sentence, defendant was bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for two years.

The recovered money was ordered to be given up to his father.

Beavers Accept Aid

TOLEDO, O. Keepers built for beavers at the Toledo zoo a stone hut, with a 10-inch tin drain for an entrance, after the beavers unsuccessfully had tried to build their own house over the drain of their pool.

Chinese Claim Victory

BITTER FIGHTING is in progress in north Kiangsi, following renewed operations by guerillas in the Juichang and Tehan area, which is not far from the famous sanatorium at Kuling.

Three columns of Japanese troops attempted to dislodge the guerillas from Minshan heights and fierce fighting has lasted for over 24 hours, the guerillas claiming, in radio messages to military headquarters, that at least 200 Japanese have been killed.

One of the Chinese guerilla commanders has been wounded. Further down the Yangtze, Chinese forces are counter-attacking Kinsha, on the north bank.

Areas south of Kinsha have been re-occupied by the Chinese, who claim that the invaders are falling back and that Nantun-chow and Haimen are now menaced.

ISHIH BEESIED

In Shansi, the Chinese are now besieging Ishih, a town on the Tientsin-Puchow Railway.

Violent fighting is raging around the town and, in addition, the Chinese are seriously jeopardising the Japanese hold on two neighbouring towns, Wanchuan and Yungsho.

A Japanese unit of 200 men, arriving from Hotsin, are now attempting to cross the Yellow River at Tungyumen. The Chinese position at this city were subject to heavy artillery bombardments across the river last night.

In Honan, Chinese forces are attacking Kiao-cheng, which is on the south bank of the Yellow River. The Chinese claim that the Japanese have been driven from the west gates of the city and that complete occupation is now imminent.

Weihsein, in southern Honan, has been recaptured by the Chinese, after being in Japanese hands for three weeks.

The Japanese are stated to be retreating westwards.

LATEST

Dividend And Bonus For Cement Co.

A dividend of \$1 per share, and a bonus of 25 cents per share, amounting altogether \$244,207.50, will be recommended by the Directors of the Green Island Cement Company at Annual Meeting on March 9.

Directors will also recommend that bonus of \$13,544 should be paid to staff.

Subject to audit, the Directors report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on December 31, including \$178,084 brought forward from 1937, totalled \$582,000.

In addition to dividend and bonuses, Directors recommend that \$100,000 be transferred to General Reserve, which will then total \$4,150,000; \$100,000 be allocated for creation of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Reserve and \$124,778 be carried forward to 1939.

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Public Safety Act For Eire?

Dublin, Feb. 7.

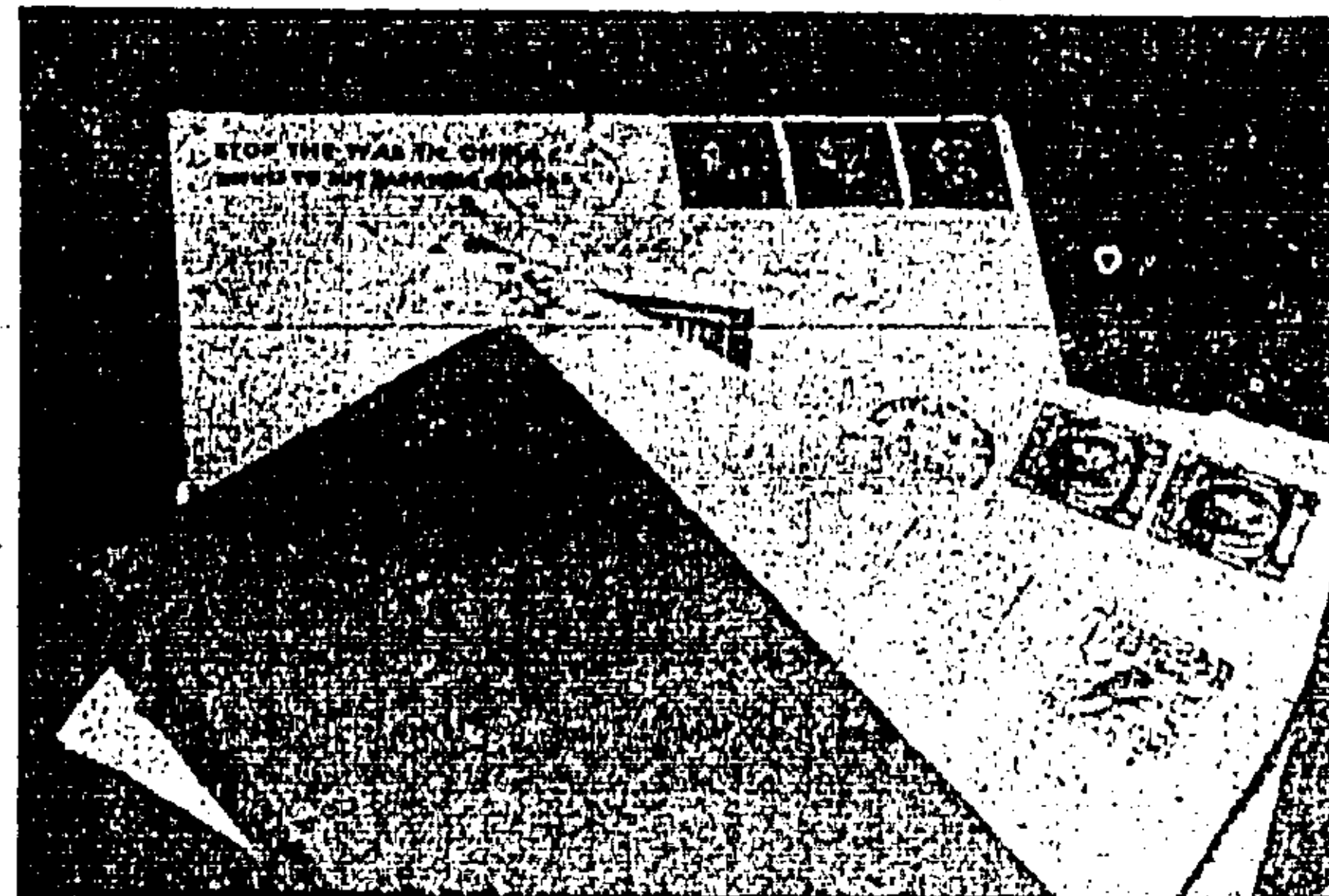
Mr. Eamon De Valera to-day announced to the Senate that the Minister of Justice in the Dail would tomorrow introduce Bill to provide powers necessary to the Government to maintain its position of authority.

It is understood that far-reaching powers will be sought to deal with extremist elements.

Probably the Public Safety Act will be re-enacted, and the military tribunal restored.

Concluding his speech, Mr. De Valera made reference to possible efforts to usurp the authority of the Government, and this was taken as referring to the proclamation of the Irish Republican Army in December last.

Mr. De Valera added that the Government would enforce the law, and would govern at all costs.



ENVELOPES LIKE THESE are common in England. Included in the air mail of a local resident last week was an envelope on which were the words "Stop the War in China: Refuse to Buy Japanese Goods."—*Staff Photographer*.

Dorado Went To Sea To Avoid The Japanese

THE THREE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS planes arriving in Hongkong to-day have taken circuitous routes to the Colony, in order to avoid flying over the Japanese naval concentration at Welchow Island near Pakhoi.

The Dorado, which arrived at 12.30 p.m., proceeded out to sea southward of Welchow Island. The other two planes, Denabola and Della, which are due at 4.15 p.m., are doing likewise.

Aboard the Dorado, which is making its first flight since the accident last November in Bangkok, were 480 lbs. of English mail, which has been delayed five days in transit.

The other two planes are also bringing a considerable quantity of English and Australian mails.

Passengers aboard the Dorado included Mr. D. F. Landale, tulipian of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., and Mrs. Landale, who travelled from Calcutta, and Lady Kirby, who travelled from England.

Lady Kirby is visiting her son, Lt. Cdr. Kirby, R.N., and will remain in Hongkong for ten days.

THREE MAIL PLANES

Three planes are arriving with air mail to-day, one load comprising English mail delayed since last week. Della is scheduled to land at 12.15 p.m., and the Dorado, back in service for the first time since her crash at Bangkok, and the Denabola will arrive at about 4.15 p.m.

Costly Packet Of Cornflakes

No. 1 "Boy" Who
Betrayed Trust

A No. 1 Chinese "boy" at a private hotel, convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning of the theft of hotel property, confessed in court to four other offences, which he asked the Magistrate to take into consideration in assessing his punishment.

The "boy" was Li Chau, 32, "captain" at the Bow Bells Private Hotel, Kowloon. He was fined \$20, in default one month's hard labour for the larceny of a packet of Cornflakes. Det. Sgt. Cochrane prosecuting, told Mr. E. Himsforth, the Magistrate, that Li was noticed by the proprietress, Mrs. Barr, carrying the packet of breakfast food under his arm as he was leaving the hotel.

"You held a position of trust in the hotel, and you betrayed that trust," said the Magistrate, in passing sentence.

GERMANY'S GREAT WESTERN DEFENCES

Line of Concrete and Steel Facing French Fortifications

CHUNGKING CIVILIANS EVACUATE

Protection Against Terror Air Raids

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7. IN VIEW OF the possible indiscriminate bombing of Chungking like that of Kwei-yang and Wanhsien, the forcible evacuation of civilians is continuing.

Wives and children of government officials are classed as civilians.

The police have assisted all houses and shops to place a number of sand-bags in the front entrances to extinguish flames. Dug-outs are being constructed in all open grounds and many private gardens.

The population of Chungking, which was 600,000 after the fall of Hankow, will soon be reduced to 300,000.

LEAVE AT DAYBREAK

A thousand women, children and old men are regularly taking refuge in the suburbs every day. They leave the city at daybreak for the various mountain-side spring resorts and rivers for safety, and return in the evening for dinner.

Buses, horses, donkeys, sedan chairs, sampans and rickshaws are seen making good money every day transporting the refugees back and forth.

All houses and hotels in the famous hot-spring resorts and nearby towns are filled to capacity.

New "Air Defence" residential houses are being built for the rich. FOREIGNERS UNPERTURBED

Chinese business circles particularly are worrying, but the foreign community here, estimated at 400, appear to be unperturbed.

Representatives of the Soviet "Asia Motion Picture Trust" are as busy as usual postering the streets with big advertisements, while the Chungking offices of the United Aircraft and Du Pont are carrying on business as usual, not even thinking it necessary to take precautionary measures.

The same spirit appears among Chinese Government officials and military leaders, most of whom have experienced severe bombing in Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, and on many other fronts.

The National Relief Commission has already established six emergency hospitals, preparing for air raids which are considered certain.

Stock Market Steady

London, Feb. 7. Although trading on the Stock Exchange was quiet, the undertone in most sections continued firm.

Gold-mining holdings further advanced on investment support, and Indian bonds were sympathetically steady. Gold-mining tended to become dull on occasional Paris selling. Oils were rather irregular and industrials were distinguished by support for breweries.

Foreign exchanges were rather more active, with sterling very steady, while the dollar was easier on Continental offering.

Wall Street was steady, then easier.—Reuter, Special.



SUGGESTING a row of prehistoric tumuli: concrete caps over gun positions on the famous Maginot Line.



AN ADVANCED machine-gun nest in the German Siegfried Line, placed in the centre of an anti-tank barricade; part of the new defence system on the western frontier of Germany.

PALESTINE TALKS OPEN WITH FELICITATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A FELICITOUS SPEECH in reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain was made by Prince Seif Ullislam Al Hussein at the opening of the Palestine talks to-day.

The Prince thanked the British Government for the part it had played in the service of truth and peace.

He said he was unable to speak Mr. Chamberlain's language, but there was a more sublime language, namely sincerity, in their hearts.

The superb spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain had solved intricate problems in recent international affairs, and which was manifested in Mr. Chamberlain's address, was one on which they largely depended for a solution of the Palestine questions.

CONCERN OF ALL MUSLIMS

These problems had become the general concern of every Arab heart, and of every Muslim in the world.

The representative of Yemen said they admire the sublime spirit which inspired Mr. Chamberlain's wonderful solutions of modern problems, and in the name of humanity, truth, and justice, Yemen wished him every success in his wise policy.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the restraint which had generally been shown by the Jewish community during a period of extreme difficulty and danger in Palestine. He repeated that the aims and objects were not represented at the morning's talks. They had reached a deadlock with the Mufli Party regarding representation. The Nashashibi de-

legates will remain and will see Mr. Malcolm MacDonald frequently as consultants.

STATEMENT ON DEADLOCK

An official statement on the deadlock states that the efforts created by one of the Arab delegation were being continued. Meanwhile the meeting between the British representatives and the Arabs, in which the Arabs are to outline their case, has been postponed in a further effort to define the Arab representations.

The Jews are expected to open their case to-morrow.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, Feb. 7. The following official statement regarding the composition of the Arab delegations at the Palestine conference was issued to-day: "His Majesty's Government have invited members of all political parties amongst Palestine Arabs to come to London to take part in discussions on the future policy in Palestine. Efforts have been made to arrange that these different parties should all be represented on the one delegation. These efforts have not succeeded so far but endeavours to reach agreement are being continued.

"In the meantime, as a satisfactory settlement has not been reached, (Continued on Page 3.)

'No Invader Can Pass'—Claimed

BERLIN, Feb. 7.

RECENT INVESTIGATIONS by German military authorities have revealed that 20 per cent. of the German iron and steel industry and 10 per cent. of the coal mines lie within range of French artillery. Moreover, about five million Germans live in this exposed frontier section.

One of the paragraphs in the Treaty of Versailles stipulated that all of the German fortifications should be destroyed, and that a demilitarised zone in which no German soldier was allowed to set foot should be established along the entire western frontier to a depth of 25 miles east of the Rhine. With the re-occupation of the Rhineland in 1936 the process of rectifying this defenceless condition was begun, but the progress during the next two years was entirely inadequate for protecting the Reich against invasion or guaranteeing an adequate defence.

SYSTEM OF FORTS

Since no modern military commander would think of sending his infantry to storm positions that had not previously been reduced to ruins through destructive artillery fire, tanks and bombing planes, the first and foremost task was to secure the western frontier against these weapons.

The requirements were threefold: 1. The individual forts and bastions had to be so heavily armoured that they would withstand endless pounding from the enemy artillery. 2. Adequate barriers and obstacles had to be erected to prevent the tanks of the aggressor, including the large ones and also the so-called amphibian tanks, from reaching the actual firing lines. 3. The entire system had to be secured against air attacks through concealment.

CONTINUOUS LINE

In conformity with the most modern experience and theory in the construction of defence fortifications, the German Maginot Line is not a continuous, connected series but composed of a number of individual forts or bastions of which each is an independent, self-sufficient unit.

Nor is this system, confined to a narrow line of forts along the frontier, but comprises a wide, fortified zone between 30 and 45 miles in depth.

Through this extraordinary depth it is planned that should the enemy succeed, against all expectation, in reaching and taking the foremost fortifications, he would be subject to the concentrated fire of the batteries to the rear and would be even more liable to destruction since the advance from this point would have to take place in smaller, divided groups. The chess-board arrangement of the bastions and forts would compel the enemy to break up his forces, and in the further advance he would constantly stumble upon the new fire-sweeping forts which had lain hidden from view and had remained silent until the most auspicious moment of attack was at hand.

ANTI-TANK MEASURES

The first condition for any advance is that the advancing tanks should succeed in breaking down every obstacle in order to pave the way for the other forces. In order to prevent this, a line of tank barriers designed according to the latest data has been laid along the entire frontier.

The most outstanding among these is the "hump barrier," which is so constructed that its concrete teeth will hold up the progress of the tank, and should an attempt be made to climb over, the tank will be held up long enough for the concealed artillery to do its work.

Another obstacle undisputed in its effectiveness is the series of pits up to 130 feet wide, very deep, and filled with running water. Special barriers have been erected for amphibian tanks, it being assumed in military circles that they will form one of the most formidable weapons of the future.

Tanks as well as advancing infantry will meet with a most effective barrier in the securely anchored barbed-wire entanglements, which cover many miles in irregularly placed zones.

GAS-PROOF FORTS
The principal defence strength of the fortifications lines, however, is

the armoured concrete bastions and forts which form the nucleus of the entire system.

Walls of reinforced concrete and armour plate have attained a resistance undreamt of during the Great War, and will make it possible for the troops in modern German forts to remain in security throughout days of bombardment from the heaviest artillery.

Each of these forts is entirely gas-proof, and an adequate reserve of ammunition has been stored in specially protected rooms so that the defenders can hold out for an indefinite period.

Still more elaborate facilities have been provided for the soldiers who man the forts—kitchens, washing rooms, first aid quarters and rest rooms being constructed on several subterranean levels. Each fort is provided with its own electrical plant and water supply, and is equipped in such a manner that a considerable number of soldiers can remain there for months on end if necessary. Connection between the different units has been provided through tunnels deep in the earth so that gun crews may be relieved and supplies delivered even while the forts are under fire.

17,000 UNITS

Over 17,000 of these units ranging from small bastions to large forts have been constructed between Holland and Lake Constance, leaving no section of the territory uncovered.

All of the structures have been covered with a deep layer of earth and as soon as the natural vegetation again springs up, the landscape will be in no way altered by the line of fortifications.

Only an experienced observer will be able to perceive here and there amongst the shrubbery and trees the threatening muzzle of a gun, while he himself will be constantly observed by dozens of guards peering through binoculars from concealed loopholes, look-outs and armoured turrets.—Trans-Ocean.

Japan Is Building 131 Ships

TOKYO, Feb. 8.

ONE HUNDRED and thirty-one ships, each exceeding 1,000 tons, are building at various shipyards throughout Japan at the end of January, a survey pointed out to-day.

The vessels under construction total 818,000 tons.

OPERATIONS TO RAISE OLD WARSHIP

Operations will begin shortly to raise the old warship Otowa, which sank 21 years ago off Cape Daiwo, Mie Prefecture, in order to salvage it for scrap iron.

The hull has long been the property of Mr. Tasuke Tanaka, President of the Tanaka Rolling-Stock Company, of Osaka, but he has waited until the current stringent times before trying to raise it.—Domei.

Two Ladies Foil Purse Snatcher

While Mrs. E. Ribeiro and Mrs. L. Kennedy were walking along Queen's Road Central, near the St. Francis Hotel, yesterday morning, Au Chan, 35, unemployed, extracted Mrs. Ribeiro's purse from her coat pocket. When she felt the tug, she shouted to Mrs. Kennedy who at once caught hold of Au.

Au received six months' hard labour from Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to the theft. Au had a previous conviction, and was also recommended for banishment.



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| | Act 3. "E Lucevan Le Stelle" (Puccini.) | (Italian.) |
| R2383. | Simplicius—Waltz Song. (Strauss.) | (German.) |
| | To-day Is The Happiest Day of My Life | (German.) |
| R2468. | Lolita—Serenade. (Buzzi-Pecini.) | (Italian.) |
| | Faded Melody | (German.) |
| R2111. | Star Fall From Heaven. Waltz Song | (German.) |
| | Mandolinata Di Napoli. Italian Folk Song | (Italian.) |
| R2130 | Wine and Waltz. Waltz Song | (German.) |
| | My Song of Love. (Both from Film "Star Fall From Heaven") | (German.) |
| R2248. | Star Fall From Heaven. (Film.) | (English.) |
| | I'll Sing A Song Of Love To You | (English.) |
| R2142. | Eugen Onegin. (Tschalkowsky.) Act 2. | (German.) |
| | Oh, Where Has Fled My Life's Young Golden Morn. | (German.) |
| R2348. | My Beautiful Dream. | (German.) |
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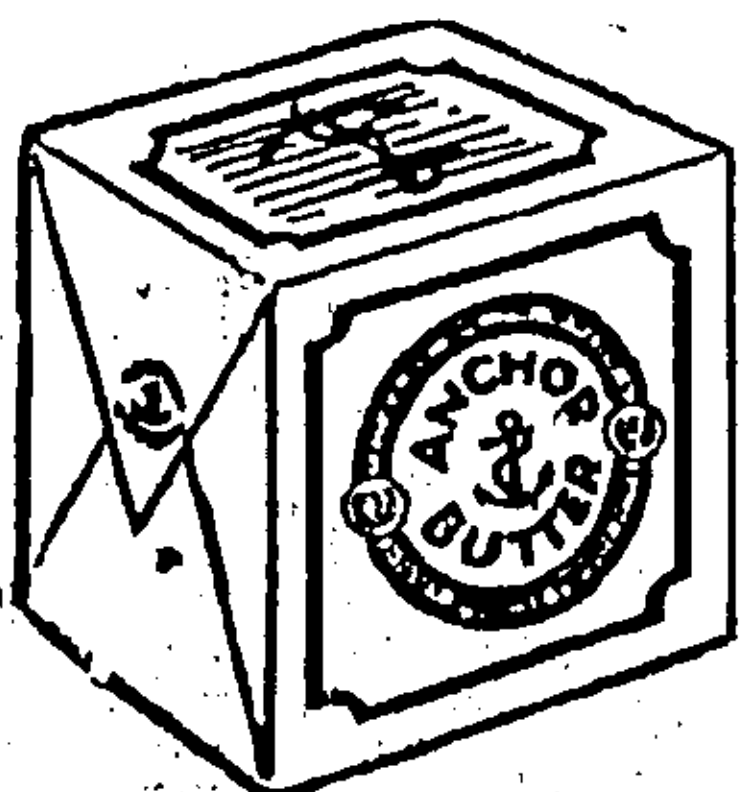
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HERR ROSENBERG SUGGESTS GUIANA OR MADAGASCAR

BERLIN, Feb. 7.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE towards the Jews and the so-called National-Socialist parties in other countries was defined by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Reich leader charged with the ideological education of the German people, in an address to the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the foreign press in Berlin to-day.

Referring to the Jewish question, Dr. Rosenberg said:

"From our point of view it is necessary that hundreds of thousands of Jews now living in Germany, and millions later from Central Europe, should be settled in some other part of the world, not scattered, but in the same closed region. In the creation of a settlement of this kind there can be no question of creating a Jewish State, but only a reservation."

Turning to the question of National-Socialist Parties in other countries, Rosenberg said:

"As National Socialism is not a universal creed that can be applied to all peoples and races, it appears to us expedient that new movements started in other countries which, for humanly understandable, but totally different ideological motives from ours, should not employ the word 'National Socialism', but should choose instead a designation corresponding to their own national history."

OPPOSES PALESTINE HOME

Referring again in particular to the Jewish question, the speaker added that in Germany that would only be settled when the last Jew has left the soil of the German Reich. Herr Rosenberg opposed the plan of the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine on the grounds that this state could not have the aim of accommodating the Jewish people in Palestine but merely of forming an all-Jewish centre of power in the Near East.

"A Jewish State would give world Jewry the legal possibility of setting up its Legations in all countries, of sending its diplomatic representatives everywhere, without thereby curtailing the number and power of the Jews in the democracies. It would, moreover, have the task of using its influence on behalf of the so-called Jewish minorities in all countries of the world."

Moreover this State would become the centre of an economic domination of the Near East and finally unassailable refuge for Jews of dubious character from all parts of the world. We would, as it were, have a world nucleus for harbouring criminal elements of the entire world, a state of affairs which Europe could not long tolerate."

GUIANA OR MADAGASCAR
In Rosenberg's opinion the settlement of the Jews in one closed reservation would only be feasible in Guiana or Madagascar. The Jews should not, however, be left to themselves there.

"Even the most primitive sense of humanity towards the Jews would rather demand that every large Jewish colony should be under the supervision of a strong police force, and the district police authorities should be under a Governor or a League of Nations which would keep this Jewish Reservation under observation on behalf of the democracies."

The financing of this plan should, in the opinion of Herr Rosenberg, be effected by requiring "that the Jewish millionaires from all parts of the world place their fortunes at the disposal of, let us say, the Evian Conference."

Referring back to the question of National-Socialist parties in other countries, Herr Rosenberg said that, since National-Socialism was a specific German ideology and the expression of the new ideas of the German people, a similar evolution in other countries could take only one course:

"Every nation that holds the view that the ideas and forms of existence of the past no longer correspond to the needs of our time, or nations that seek escape from the danger of bolshevism must adopt methods that suit their own national character."

MISUNDERSTANDINGS LIKELY

Another reason exists why other nations should choose another designation. After Bolshevism and Judaism have been excluded from power altogether, conflicts of interests between the different nations will still be possible and indeed probable. It would therefore be conceivable that the German National-Socialist state would come into a political conflict with some other, calling itself National-Socialist.

Ideologically this would give the impression that universal National-Socialism had suffered an intellectual defeat."

Herr Rosenberg closed, saying that National-Socialism, like Fascism, is an ideology of its own people in the present century and the answer to the fate of other epochs.—*Trans-Ocean.*

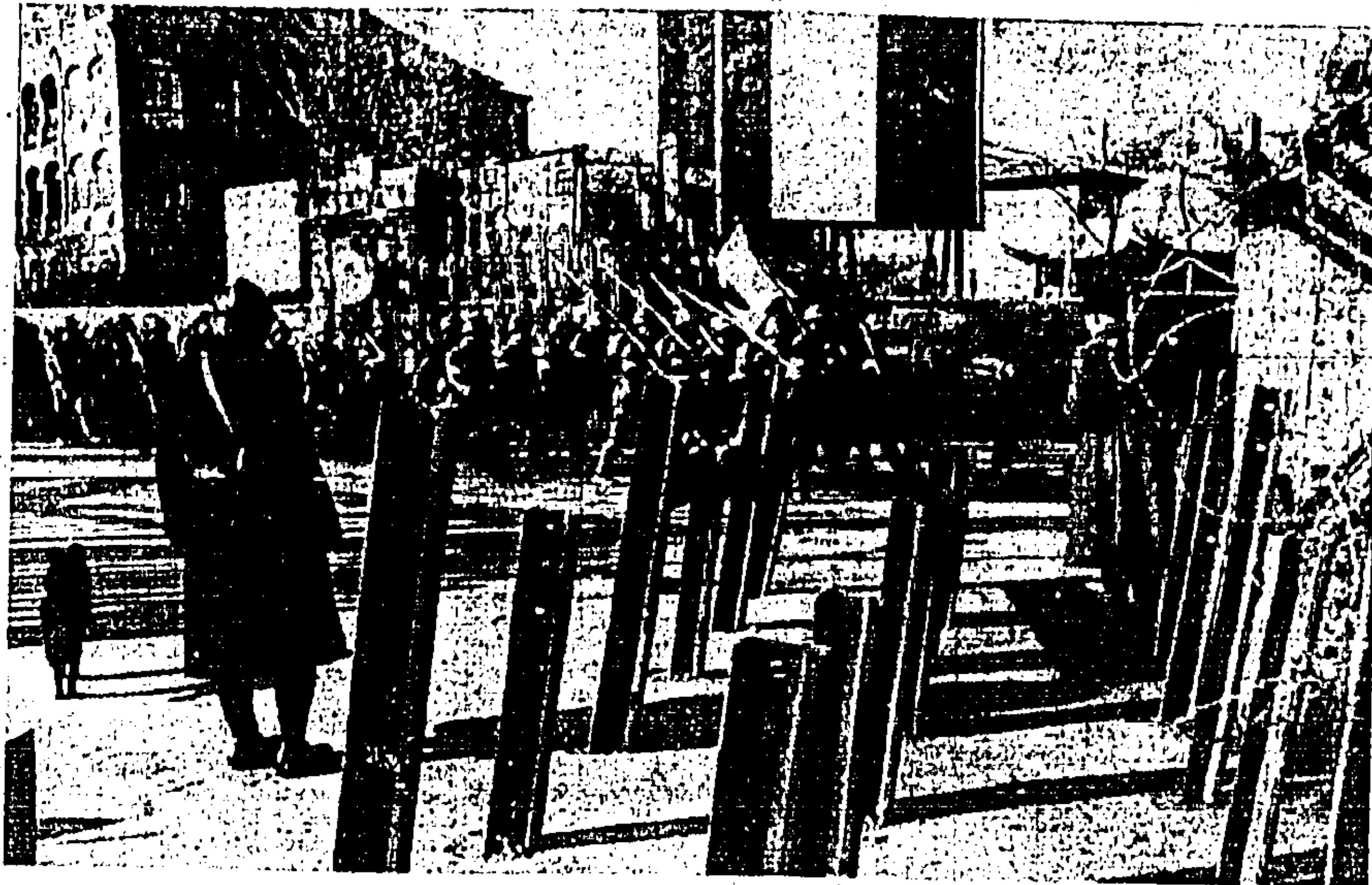
Germany And Her Colonies: Latest Claim

Berlin, Feb. 7.

Soon after regaining her colonies, Germany would be able to achieve an annual saving of 200,000,000 marks in foreign currency, according to Herr Rudolf Eick, a Reichsbank director in his book.

He bases the calculations on pre-war statistics, showing exports of German colonies increased from 28,000,000 marks in 1908 to 162,000,000 marks in 1913. If Germany regained and worked her former colonies to their full agricultural capacity, their production could be increased to over 600,000,000 marks annually, which would cover 15 per cent. of Germany's present import requirements, according to Herr Eick.—*Reuter Special.*

Conquerors Parade Hankow



CONQUERORS OF HANKOW, these Japanese soldiers recently paraded through the city, and when this photograph was taken, were entering French Concession. The rails in the foreground were torn up from the railways by the Chinese and set up as tank barricades before the fall of the city.—*South China Photo Service.*

"We Are Killing A Traitor"

Assassins Warn Cafe Customers

CHIUNGKING, Feb. 8.

"WE ARE killing a traitor. You people need have no fear." These words were addressed by the assassins of Koo Ping-tsung to other customers in the Kwan Sheng Yuan Restaurant in Nan-king Road where the murder took place yesterday morning, according to a Shanghai report.

Koo was shot dead by five gunmen in a telephone booth on the first floor of the restaurant while he was telephoning. Before they decamped, the assassins pacified the other customers who were panic-stricken.

While Koo's connections with the Japanese have not yet been definitely established, passes issued by the Japanese Special Service Section and the Shanghai bogus government were found on his person by S.M.C. police who arrived at the scene after the murder.—*Central News.*

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai at 3 p.m. yesterday and leaves for Hong-kong at 1 o'clock to-day. She is due here at 9 p.m. on Friday.

New Zealand's National Service Call

WELLINGTON, Feb. 7.

THE formation of a volunteer citizen army of 20,000 strong, supplemented by a ballot among eligible men in the districts where they were "not filled voluntarily," was advocated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Barnard, at a meeting at Napier, called to stimulate interest in national defence.

Mr. Barnard declared that if Britain was involved in war, New Zealand would be bound to enter.—*Reuter Special.*

Japanese Airfield Near Pakhoi

Hollow, Feb. 8.

The Japanese have completed the construction of the airfield on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi.

There is now one small-sized aircraft-carrier anchored near the island. It is said that the planes which bombed Nanning and other Kwangsi towns were from this aircraft-carrier.

About ten Japanese warships are off the coast of Pakhoi, Yamhsien and Fongshing.—*Central News.*

Germany's New Sea Monsters

BERLIN, Feb. 7.

It is understood that Germany's first 35,000-ton battleship will be launched on February 14, when Herr Hitler will attend the ceremony and will make a speech.

A second similar vessel will be launched in the summer, probably in May.

The vessels have a length of 702 feet, a breadth of 118 feet, and their armaments include eight 15-inch guns, and twelve 5.9-inch guns.

The biggest vessels Germany now has in commission are the 20,000-ton battleships of the Gneisenau class.

A third 35,000-ton battleship was laid down at Kiel last year.—*Reuter Special.*

PALESTINE TALKS OPEN WITH FELICITATIONS

(Continued from Page 2.)

representatives of the Defence Party have informed His Majesty's Government they would not attend the opening meeting of the conference this morning. His Majesty's Government do not seek to take sides in any difference of opinion which may exist between the parties in Palestine. On the contrary, they are anxious that every party should have a fair opportunity of expressing their views during the forthcoming discussions. They are glad of the opportunity to enter into free and full consultations with Palestine Arab leaders selected from parties other than the Defence Party.

"In view of their anxiety to exclude no important section of opinion from the discussion, they will be glad also if agreement on the composition of one Palestine delegation proves impossible, to hold separate consultations with the delegation representing the Defence Party which has come to London."—*British Wireless.*

COMPOSING DIFFERENCES

London, Feb. 7. Negotiations to compose the differences between the two Arab sections continue to-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald had prolonged conversations with the Nashabibi delegates. The conversations began early this evening and continued until a late hour, with a single break, in which, it is understood, Mr. MacDonald consulted with the Premier.

The conversations are continuing.—*Reuter.*

Benefits Of U.S. Silver Policy

Washington, Feb. 7.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the Treasury, to-day told the special Senate Silver Committee that the Treasury's purchases of silver had benefited China, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Japan, Chile, and the Philippines, "as well as a number of other countries."—*United Press.*



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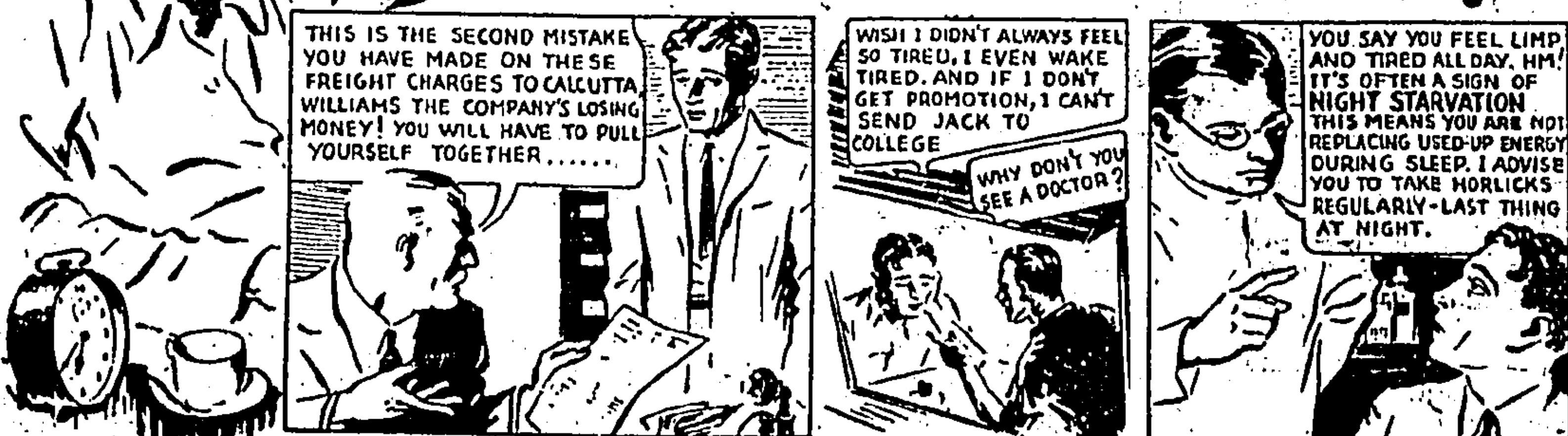


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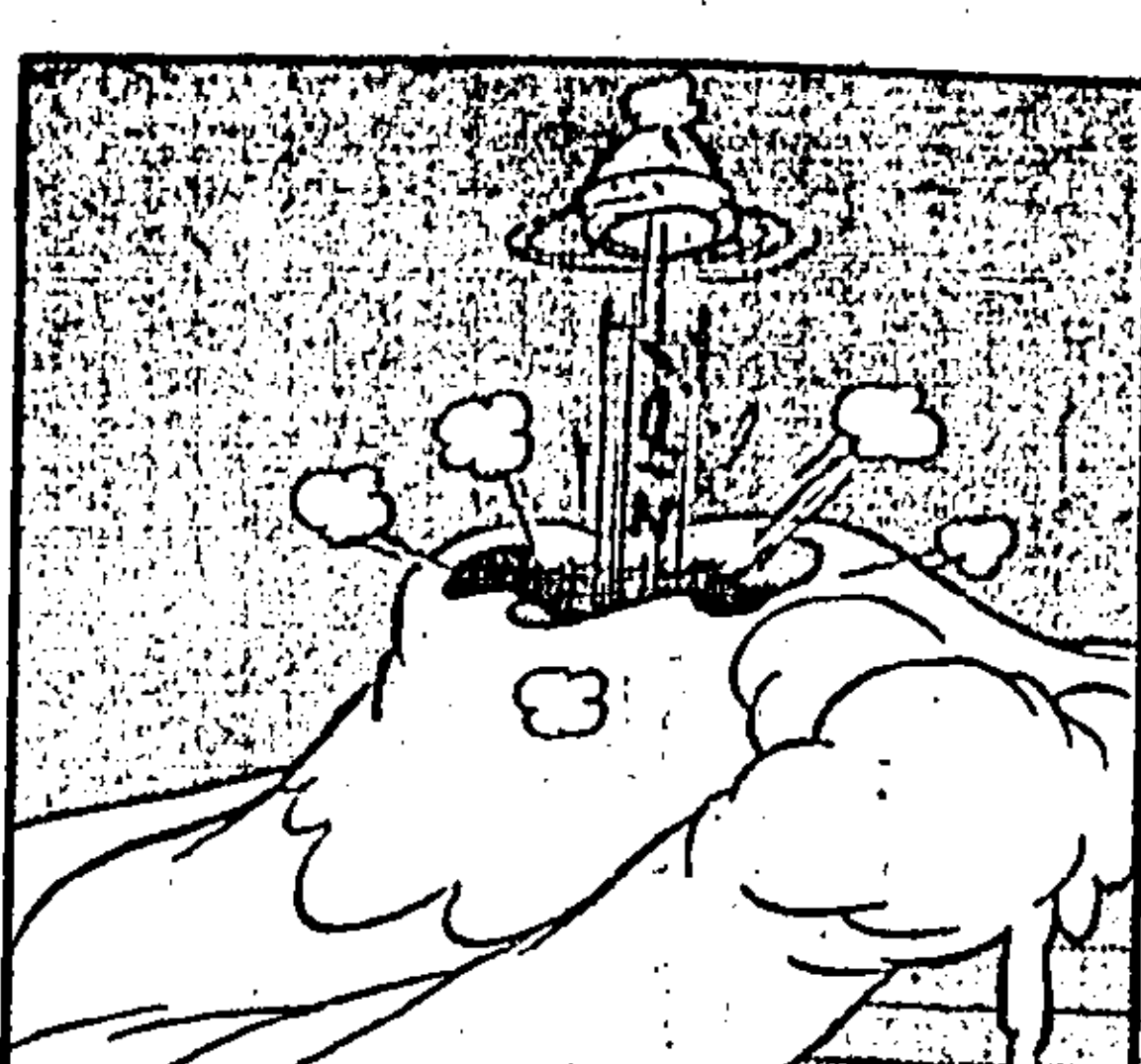
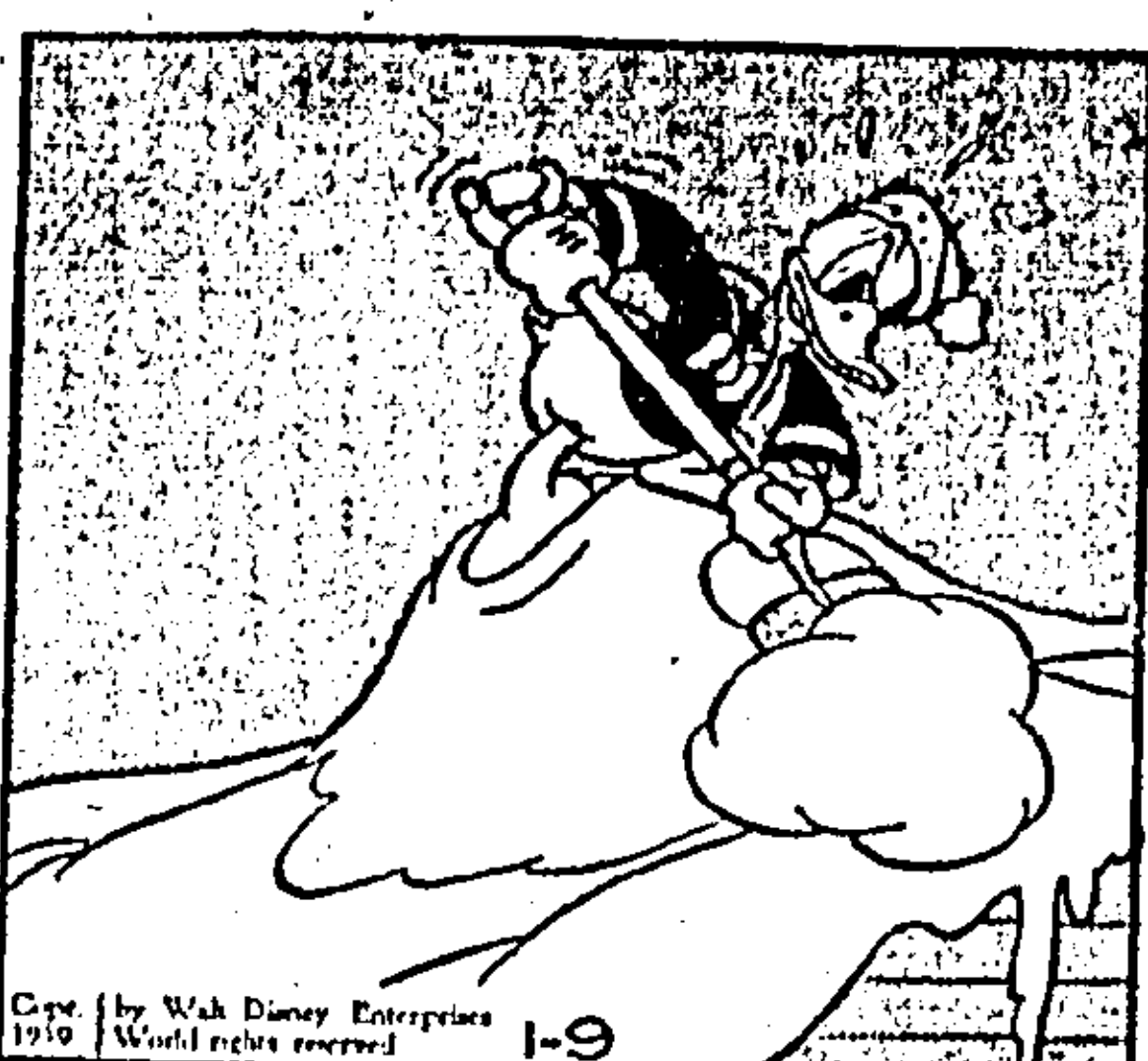
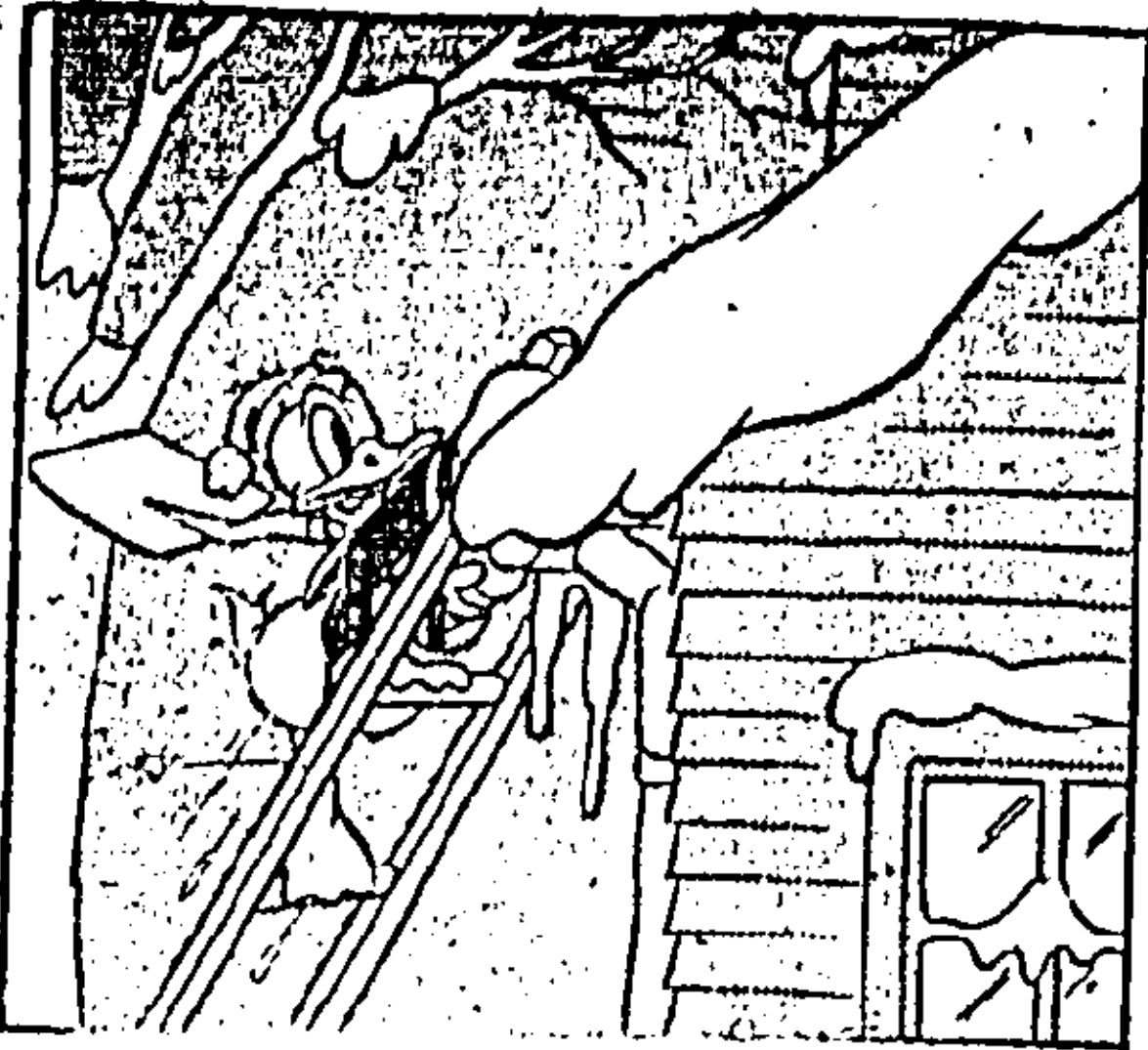
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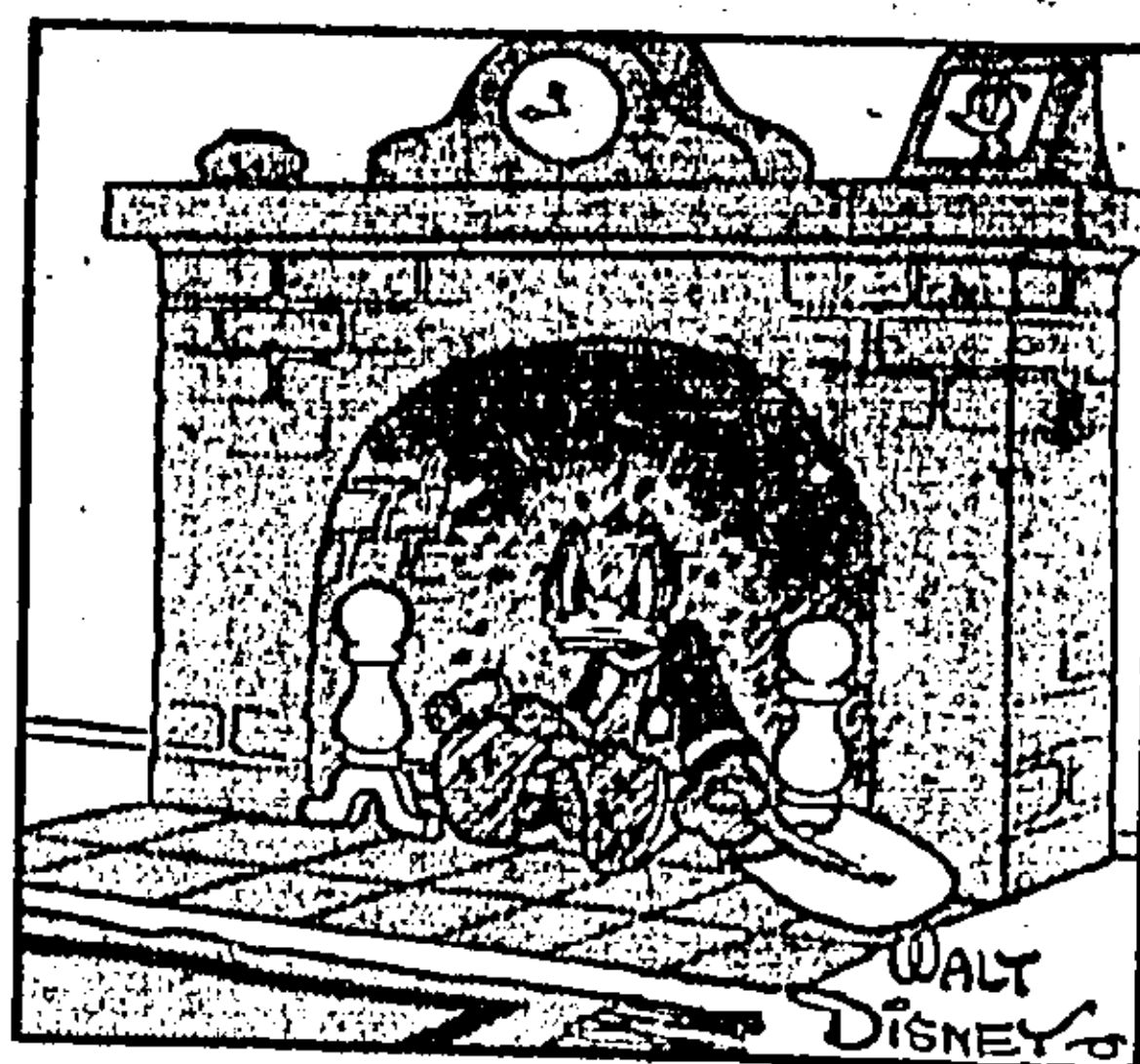
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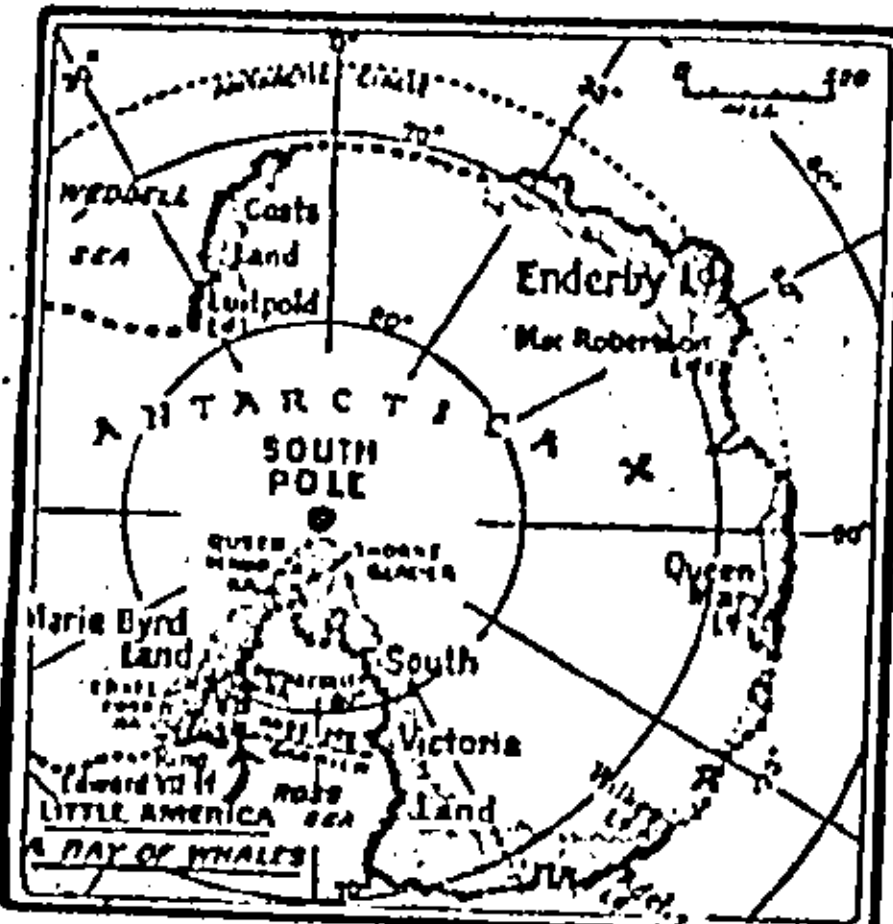
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Rail Traffic Interrupted

Guerillas Tear Up Lines In North

Chungking, Feb. 8. Railway communication between Peiping and Tientsin has been disrupted as a result of Chinese guerrilla activities, a Tientsin message states.

The guerrillas tore up many rails at Langfang, midway between Peiping and Tientsin, on Monday night. Japanese reinforcements arrived yesterday morning and engaged in heavy fighting with the guerrillas.

According to a report from Chungking, Chinese guerrillas operating along the Peiping-Hankow Railway have damaged 30 Japanese locomotives, 142 wagons, 3,000 sleepers, and 14 bridges and killed a large number of Japanese soldiers during the last week.—Central News.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

London, Feb. 7. Formal discussions between the Federation of British Industries and German Industries will begin in February with a view to devising means to settle trade competition, declared Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons to-day.

He said that with goodwill on both sides, it should be possible to solve the problem, thus obviating the need for recourse to other methods.

The negotiations will cover competition in neutral markets, including the question of the south-eastern Europe markets.—Reuter.

HOBART, Feb. 7. A FULL REPORT of the discoveries in Antarctica by Lincoln Ellsworth, famous American explorer, and Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Australian, has now been made.

Eighty thousand miles of country never seen before by human eyes have been added to the world's surface, and have been claimed by Ellsworth on behalf of the United States.

From the fringe of the Antarctic Ellsworth flew south to a point where he could see as far as latitude 74.30 south from his position on longitude 79 east. His altitude in flight was perfect. He could see at least 150 miles of each side of the plane.

In all this area not a mountain range nor a speck of bare land showed.

"After leaving the hills of the coastal belt that thrust their dark, snow-capped tops through the barrier of the whole area as far south as we could see, slopes gradually rose upward to an altitude of approximately 11,500ft. and continued on to the Pole," Ellsworth reported.

"I took our ship five hours to reach the spot from which we took off. The ship was constantly endangered by icebergs, which threatened to topple over and sink us. Ugly rocks poked up ahead, sometimes others were a few inches below the surface and only visible from the masthead.

LIMITED RUNWAYS

"Finally we found some flat ice offering a short run-way, but an easterly wind arose of almost gale force, pounding the ship against the ice. Then a huge iceberg appeared, and we moved on until we discovered a small high in the ice where there was shelter enough to moor the vessel. The run-way, however, was so limited that the petrol load of the plane had to be strictly limited, and even so the take-off appeared to be extremely hazardous, for waves were heaving the ice into billows.

"We waited throughout the whole morning in suspense till around noon, when the wind subsided. Now was our time, if ever, the Northrup plane was being overhauled, the engine warmed up and at last we were off.

"And mountains been discovered I would have brought back more spectacular photographs, but the knowledge that no mountains are found in this area is of equal geological and geographical importance.

HOPE OF MINERAL DEPOSITS

"Although snow-covered to-day, the area I saw on my flight of discovery might, a year or so hence, become

snow-free and disclose rich mineral deposits.

On occasions our position aboard the Wyatt Earp was dangerous and somewhat hopeless. We had been driven on the day before from our chosen take-off and landing-field—a flat field of bay ice upon which a steady flow forced up several icebergs.

"We just avoided being hemmed in by solid ice as we moved to another side, but the iceflow there was not suitable for a flying field.

"Much of the ice I had hoped to use as a take-off had shattered and was drifting out to sea, making our chances of using it hopeless. Moreover, the weather showed signs of clearing, threatening possible delay for another week. I sent Pilot Lyburner up to scout for our Aerona seaplane, and he returned from a 90-minute flight with a report that he had found a small fjord at the end of the Great West Barrier."

WILKINS'S TASK

Mr. Ellsworth was accompanied on his expedition by Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Australian explorer, who was in charge of the 402-ton motor-ship Wyatt Earp.

The expedition, which had two planes sailed from Cape Town on October 20 for Enderby Land with provisions for a three-months stay on the ice. They returned to Hobart, Tasmania, on Saturday.

Sir Hubert Wilkins is to make a report on his scheme for world-wide weather prediction stations.

Henshaw On Return Flight From Cape

Cape Town, Feb. 7. Alex Henshaw, who took off from Capetown on Sunday in an attempt to fly to Capetown and back in four days, left at 10 p.m. G.M.T., to-day on the return flight to England.

Henshaw accomplished the outward flight in 39½ hours, which was 5½ hours quicker than the previous record set by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green.—Reuter.

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VATICAN ANXIOUS AT POPE'S HEALTH

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 7. IT WAS ANNOUNCED to-day that the Pope had temporarily suspended all audiences.

The Vatican secretariat stated that His Holiness had a slight cold, while other Vatican sources stated that he suffered an attack of cardiac asthma yesterday, and that his physician had injected digitalis.

It is emphasized that his condition is not serious, and it is authoritatively stated that he hoped to resume his duties to-morrow.

CHURCH HEADS CONCERNED

Eminent prelates reveal, however, that church officials are worried about the Pope's fluttering heart.

They said that his ailment was not as mentioned in the official announcement, and which everyone is certain could be easily cured.

It is recalled that whenever he suffers relapses, the doctors always concentrate on the Pope's heart, which, it is reliably understood, is in this case beating regularly so far.—United Press.

Disgruntled Railway Workers' Sabotage

New York, Feb. 7. A group of railway workers, faced with disorganizing, threw one of the city's underground systems in complete chaos at the height of the morning rush to-day.

The men pulled communication cords preventing giving the all-clear signals, and abandoned loaded trains at the stations.

Thousands of suburban travellers going to work were delayed by the demonstration.

In one instance, several uniformed employees "kidnapped" an empty train and drove across the points at an important junction, blocking all traffic.—Reuter.

News is Knowledge

Q.—The Dutch nation's wedding gift to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard was officially presented last month, two years after their marriage. Why the delay?

A.—Because the gift took the form of rebuilding and furnishing a wing of the Royal couple's palace at Soestdyk. Among new installations paid for by the Dutch people are a cinema, a gymnasium, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

Q.—How many people were killed in Palestine in 1937?

A.—According to statistics compiled by the local British newspaper, "Palestine Post," 1,997—an increase of 1,000 over the figure for 1937.

Suffolk Going Home Soon

H.M.S. Suffolk will be raising anchor shortly to join the naval exercises at Singapore, prior to returning to the United Kingdom for refit and recommission.

The cruiser, one of the County class which has not been reconstructed with a hangar, was commissioned last at Chatham in January 1937 under the command of Capt. C. S. Sandford, O.B.E.

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OLD TREATY RE-AFFIRMED

London, Feb. 7. A new treaty of friendship and commerce has been signed between the United Kingdom, India, and the Sultan of Muscat, replacing the treaty of 1891, which expires this month. The treaty reaffirms the close relation existing between the British Government and the Sultan of Muscat.—Reuter.

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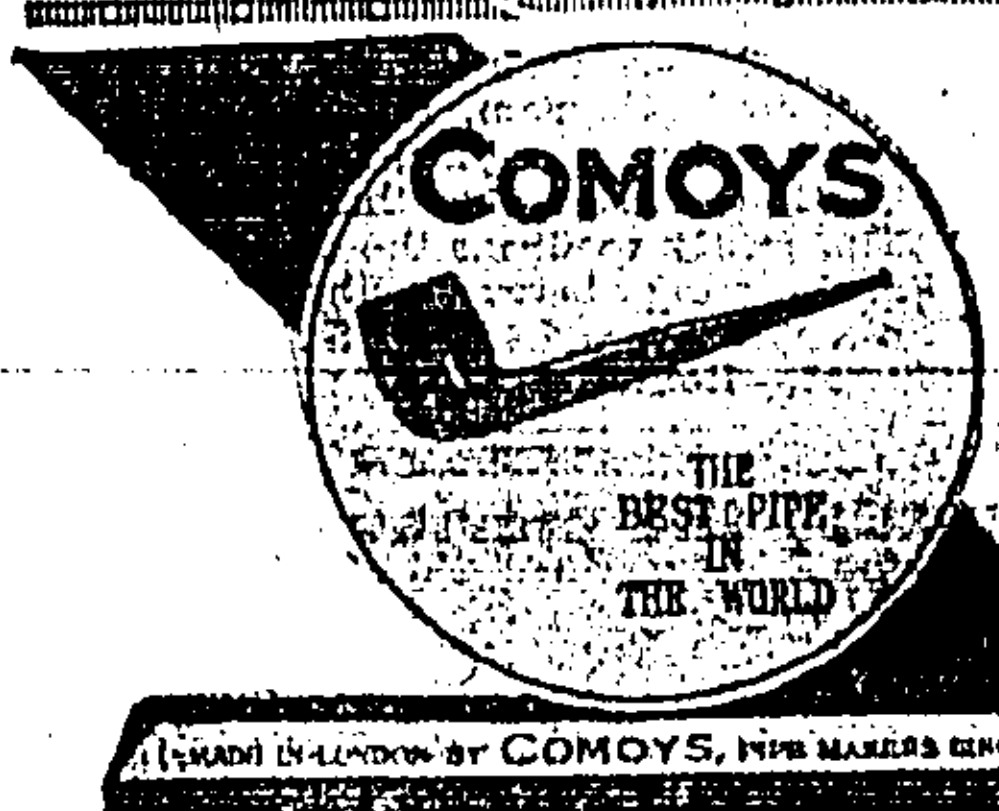
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Patience Ending?

THERE IS particular significance in the declaration in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Neville Chamberlain that Great Britain would place all her forces at the disposal of France in the event of that ally becoming involved in war.

It is the first time a British Premier has made that declaration. There are many people who believe that had Britain as firmly made its intentions known to Germany in 1914 there would have been no Great War.

It is interesting to recall that, as recently as December 12 last year, Mr. Chamberlain certainly had no intention of giving such an unequivocal statement of British support for France as was given yesterday. On that occasion, in response to a question whether, in the event of Italy embarking on warlike operations against France, Britain would give military aid, the Prime Minister replied somewhat cryptically that "no requirement of such aid exists in any treaty or pact with France."

The significance lies in the fact that the assurances Mr. Chamberlain hesitated to give before his recent visit to Rome have been forthcoming after that visit.

Britain's policy shows signs of hardening against both Italy and Japan.

In the European sphere, the wreckage and rape of Catalonia must have a terrific effect on public opinion in Great Britain, the more so in view of the boasts in Rome that Italy achieved the victory that drove the Loyalists across the frontiers into sanctuary in France.

In the Far East, there are many signs that patience is rapidly nearing exhaustion, especially in view of happenings on the Pearl River in the south, on the Yangtze in Central China and at Tsingtao and Chefoo in the north. The tactlessness of Japanese consular officials who demanded an explanation of the "unwarrantable action of H.M.S. Birmingham" in refusing to allow puppet officials to board a British steamer outside territorial waters, and telling the British naval authorities that "similar incidents should not occur in future," will not aid Japanese relations with Britain.

A SCREAM; the screech of suddenly applied brakes. Startled, you look up from your contemplation of the shop window.

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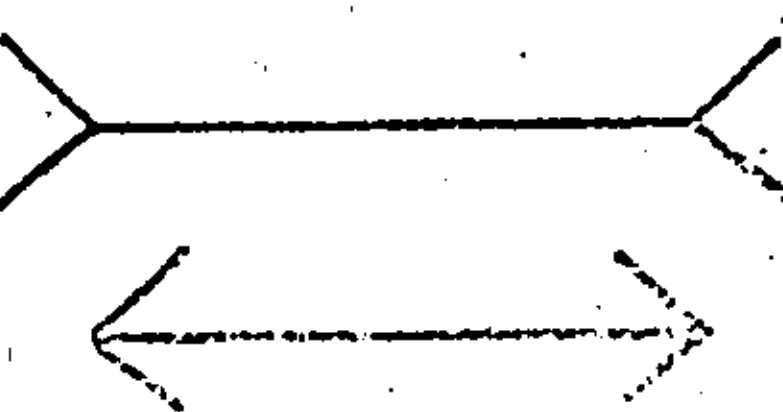
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In the complex business of observing something that is happening, that is an incident involving several factors presenting several sides, it has been found that the average eye-wit-

ness account of the thing through interrogation while observed is not only very incomplete, but 40 per cent. inaccurate. A class of young girls having a 50 times greater range than narrative testimony, is 550 times more inaccurate.

Experimenting along these lines Professor Wolters, of Reading University, asked a group of his students to describe a small dramatic incident which had occurred in the lecture room.

An accurate and full report required just ten essential points.

The average number correctly reported was 3.5 and, on the average, there was one completely false addition to each account. Incidents which had not occurred and which were materially impossible in the situation were reported with complete assurance.

To these spontaneous inaccuracies and omissions of a "free narrative" must be added the errors resulting from "suggestion" through questioning.

It has been estimated (by Walter Van Dyke Bingham and Bruce Moore in How to Inter-view) that testimony got fifths in a month.

This rate is modified by forming associations: links between one thing relative to another and with such assistance your memory more or less adequately meets the practical requirements of everyday life.

But in the matter of testimony this fact itself may be yet another source of error.

For unfathomable personal reasons you may remember certain irrelevances with complete clarity while forgetting the really crucial points.

You will remember primarily things that affect or interest you. Things that are creditable to you will make a deep and lasting impression on your consciousness. Discreditable things, on the other hand, you will forget with remarkable speed, thoroughness and convenience.

There is no reason to believe that the facts you salvage in this profoundly subjective manner from the bog of your innate forgetfulness are the most important from the point of view of objective accuracy.

There is no reason to believe that they are even facts.

So when you looked up from your contemplation of the shop window a mass of impressions crashed into your brain. Your brain could receive only a proportion of those impressions. It could retain only a proportion of what it received. What it retained was confused and distorted by all the intensely personal trains of thought set loose by the situation.

On this blunt, uncertain edge the scales of justice balance.

The policeman stands with his pencil poised. The destiny, the freedom, the honour of some fellow man may depend on one word from you.

You may speak that word—but... are you, can you be, SURE?

5-Minutes Medical Exam.

HOW much do you know about yourself?

Put "Yes" or "No" to the following questions and check your answers by those in the following two columns, where the facts are given by Dr. August A. Thomen, the eminent American physician, whose views, Lord Horder says, "successfully challenge the most severe criticism."

DO YOU BELIEVE—

1 That the consumption of lemon juice or vinegar is a simple and effective method of reducing one's weight?

2 That it matters if you are plump at over 40?

3 That individuals with high colour or florid complexions are not usually healthy?

4 That a person should not bathe while he is warm?

5 That it is sensible to expose children to measles, whooping cough, chicken-pox, scarlet fever, or the presumption that they will get them anyway?

6 That a high forehead is a positive sign of intelligence and culture?

7 That, marriages between persons of opposite characteristics and personality traits are more liable to be successful and happy than others?

Dr. Thomen Marks Your Card

The correct answers to the questions in the preceding columns are:

(1)—No. The idea that if one drinks the juice of a lemon after a heavy meal, the excess food will not "turn into fat" is unadulterated nonsense. Lemon juice has no such property.

Vinegar, which is diluted acetic acid, can indirectly cause a loss of weight occasionally, by deranging the digestion and the appetite. Such a method is obviously ill-advised.

(2)—Yes. For one to be overweight at middle life is definitely disadvantageous. Within reason, the shorter the waistline the longer the lifetime.

(3)—Yes. What is often considered an exquisite complexion by the laity is recognised as a definite sign of illness by the doctor. A certain type of heart disease often produces, in girls especially, a remarkably beautiful complexion. A pleasing, rosy complexion is not always an index of good health.

(4)—No. It is quite safe to go on bathing when one is warm, and any unusual happening is to be regarded as due to some other cause. To bathe in cool water in such circumstances can produce only an exhilarating reaction in a healthy person.

Measles

(5)—No. The common fallacy of exposing children to infection on the presumption that the illness, whatever it may be, is mild in its nature, and that sooner or later they will contract it, is to be emphatically condemned. The notion is wholly fallacious for the following reasons:

(a) A mild case may, and often does, develop into a serious one.

(b) It is not quite true that all should have these ailments during some period of their existence.

(c) The seriousness of these ailments is always greater, the younger the child.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"What a lot of cars!" he would want the one in the middle!

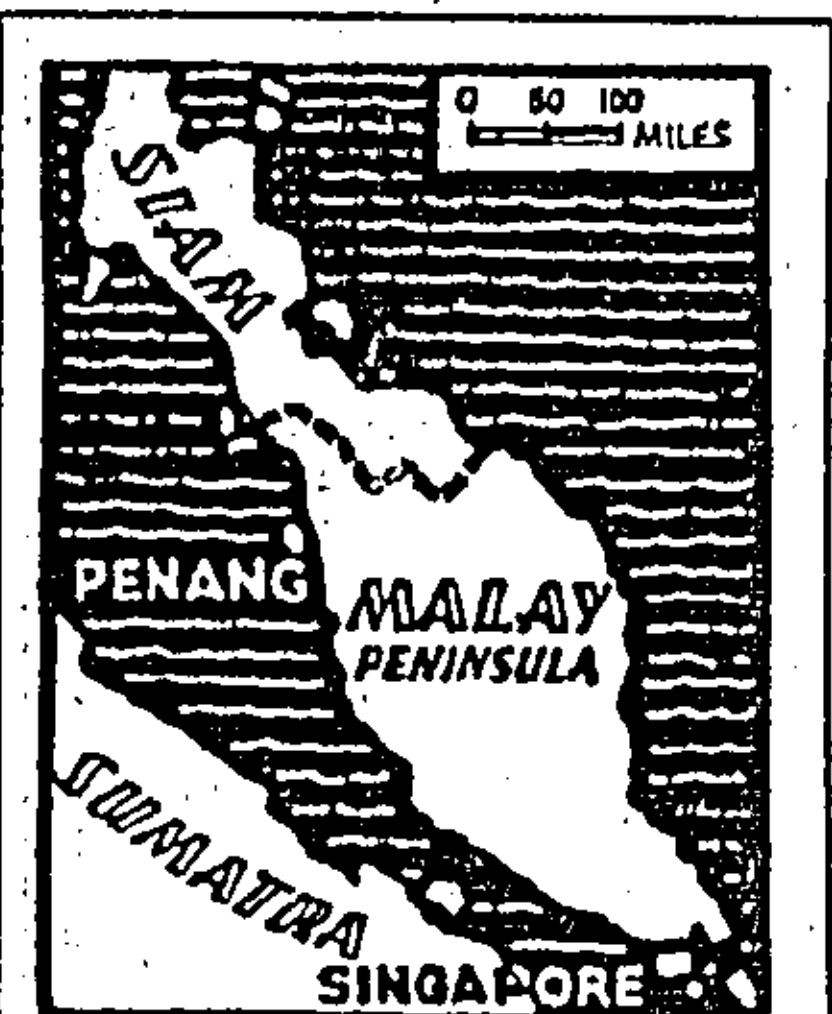
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Japan to Spend £430,000,000 This Year

TOKYO, Feb. 8. THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETS for the Japanese Army and Navy for the financial year which commences on April 1st will be presented to the Diet about the middle of February.

They are expected to exceed six billion yen, (£350,000,000).

The Army expenditures alone, including Ordinary, Emergency and Extraordinary appropriations, will total roughly 5,400,000,000 yen (nearly £320,000,000) according to figures compiled by the War Office and recently presented to the Ministry of Finance for approval. For the present year the Army total was 3,821,000,000 yen (£225,000,000).



A GARRISON which is to be established at Penang this year, will comprise several hundred gunners, sappers, and other units. There are as yet no plans for the establishment of an infantry battalion, but it is believed that this will eventually be as soon as barracks accommodation is available. Half the number of troops destined for Penang will be Indian.

COLONY'S BIG BILL FOR DEFENCE

DURING THE LAST ten years Hongkong has spent the extraordinary total of \$52,168,094 on Defence.

This works out at a per capita total of \$50 for every person—Chinese and European—living in the Colony.

Of the total, \$50,719,240 has been remitted to England as the Colony's contribution to Imperial Defence for the year 1929 to 1938.

Last year's payment of \$6,700,000 was the highest on record. In the Colony itself, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has, in ten years, cost \$1,255,550 to maintain. In its four years of existence the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve has cost \$143,304.

Both the Hongkong Volunteers and the Naval Reserve have obtained higher appropriations with the passing of each year.

The Volunteer appropriation for 1938 was more than double the appropriation for 1929.

The Naval Volunteers appropriations increased by 70 per cent. in four years.

Contributions to the Imperial Government have doubled in ten years.

HOW IT GROWS In future, the Colony will have to find \$6,000,000 per annum as contributions to the Imperial Government, this fixed sum having been agreed upon by the two Governments.

Only twice in the Colony's history—in 1932 and last year—have the contributions to England exceeded \$6,000,000.

This is how the Colony's defence burden has grown in ten years:

| Year | Defence | Contributions |
|------|---------|---------------|
| 1929 | 83,700 | 3,250,338 |
| 1930 | 95,842 | 3,503,709 |
| 1931 | 97,033 | 4,032,508 |
| 1932 | 110,232 | 5,009,239 |
| 1933 | 131,022 | 5,094,559 |
| 1934 | 152,223 | 5,062,539 |
| 1935 | 172,627 | 4,763,943 |
| 1936 | 137,708 | 4,281,240 |
| 1937 | 153,374 | 5,384,417 |
| 1938 | 182,000 | 7,000,000 |

The Naval Volunteers were formed in 1925, when \$25,307 was appropriated. Since then, their budget has increased to \$32,206 in 1935, to \$39,221 in 1937 and to \$43,500 last year.

A dog owned by Mr. S. Simpson, of Stanley Terrace, Talkoo, was removed to the Kennedy Town kennels for observation yesterday after it had bitten a child. The dog was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

WHAT WAR

Is Costing

ITALY

Is shown by the following figures which reveal that more men have been lost and money spent in Spain than in the conquest of Abyssinia.

ABYSSINIA

Italians killed 2,313

Cost £120,000,000

SPAIN

Italians killed 2,037

Cost about £200,000,000

Casualties in Spain are only up to last October, when latest official figures were issued.

JAPAN TO INCREASE AIR ARM

Supremacy In West Pacific Envisaged

TOKYO, Feb. 8.

FLEET BUILDING and strengthening of naval air force will receive the main attention in the Navy's supplementary budget for the 1939-40 fiscal year, which will shortly be introduced in the Diet, according to informed quarters.

While negotiations were still in progress between the Navy and the Finance Ministries regarding details of the extraordinary Estimates, it is understood that the additional demand will reach "a considerably large amount."

It is pointed out that the present estimates are to finance the first year of what may be called the third year armament plan for the Fleet based on the principles enunciated by Navy Minister Yonai in the Diet.

Summing up the Navy's plans, the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, declared before the Lower House Committee on Tuesday that the new plan has been designed to secure sea and air supremacy in the Western Pacific in connection with the proposed construction of new order in East Asia—Domei.

M.P.'s Told Of China Affairs

London, Feb. 7.

Dr. Chang Peng-chun to-day addressed a largely-attended meeting of the China Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons.

Dr. Chang dealt fully with the prospects of China in the new phase of the war, which he said, was about to begin.

He added that hitherto, China had been fighting on the defensive. The Japanese had failed everywhere to round up and exterminate the Chinese armies, and China now had far more men and arms than at the beginning of the war. They had also been tempered by fighting.

Describing the character of the offensive planned in the coming months, Dr. Chang dealt with the international position, and pointed out that Japan had lost in force, rather than gained by entering China.

Dr. Chang's speech appeared to make a deep impression, and he was warmly applauded at the conclusion.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S BIG BILL

Commonwealth's Defence Costs Empire's Highest

CANBERRA, Feb. 7.

AUSTRALIANS are now paying more per head for defence than the people of any other British Dominion.

The Australia rate this year is about £10 per annum per capita, compared with New Zealand's 17s 6d, Elre's 12s 6d, Canada's 10s. and South Africa's 8s 6d.

This financial year, Australia is spending £60,000,000 on defence, which, per capita of population, means that she is spending more than Great Britain, whose per capita expenditure is about £8.

Appropriations have been made especially for strengthening coastal defences and the Royal Australian Air Force.

EQUIPMENT FOR EAST Special arrangements have been made for the manufacture in Australia of rifles, munitions, machine-guns, aeroplanes and other equipment, which will be supplied to British defences in Singapore and other parts of the Far East.

Now Australia can put into the field and maintain four cavalry divisions, six infantry divisions and auxiliary troops to the total of 250,000 of all ranks.

Any danger that threatens the Commonwealth is overseas, said the Minister for Defence.

Over 100,000 of defences is on the coast. Britain's naval strength is Australia's military strength. Australia is 10,000 miles away from the nearest enemy base.

U.S. COMMITTEE APPROVES GREAT AIR PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' Military Affairs Committee to-day approved, without a dissenting vote, President Roosevelt's request for an appropriation of \$376,000,000 (£75,000,000) for National Defence.

This is the first part of President Roosevelt's plan for building up the world's greatest war machine.

The President, actually, is asking for a total appropriation of £263,911,600 for the three services. This is £100,000,000 less than Great Britain is spending, but sufficient to give the United States a tremendous lead in armaments over all other countries. It represents an increase of £61,870,000.

Actually, President Roosevelt will ask for a record total of £321,917,000 before the end of the year. This includes an extra £100,000,000 programme.

To-day's vote will allow construction to commence on a new fleet of 3,000 army fighting planes, giving the Army Air Corps a potential strength of 5,500 first line machines.

TO VOTE ON THURSDAY Representative Andrew May said that the \$376,000,000 does not include the \$100,000,000 which President Roosevelt requested for the purchase of critical war materials.

It is said that the measure will be called before the House on Thursday. Members of the committee said that existing legislation authorises the use of \$100,000,000 for critical war materials.

Fifteen Democrats against ten Republicans, defeated Representative Walter Andrews' amendment to restrict the increase to only 1,000 army planes a year.

CANAL DEFENCES The bill provides in addition to planes, firstly, authorisation of \$32,500,000 for educational orders for private industry, secondly authorisation of \$23,750,000 for Panama Canal defences, thirdly, an increase in the army's peace-time strength to 205,000, fourthly, to provide an initial emergency defence force of at least 400,000 and fifthly, a system of training pilots in the universities, colleges, and other educational institutions at a cost of \$10,000,000 a year.—United Press.

ATTACK ON GUAM PROJECT Washington, Feb. 7.

The Carl Vinson Committee to-day heard Dr. Frederick Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, criticise the Guam project as an unnecessary affront to Japan.

He said that it might have serious consequences, and asked why Guam should be selected when there were 29 other possible bases.

"If Japan should spend \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 dredging an island off Mexico's coast, or if Germany were to spend \$500,000 similarly on some island in the Caribbean, the project would be regarded throughout the world as a threat against the United States' national security," commented the Doctor.—United Press.

The reason given, it is stated, is that the age and health of many of those living in Kuling makes such a move impracticable.

The Japanese military authorities are understood to be considering the new situation created by this information.

While the British gunboat, Ladybird (825 tons) is still unable to contact Kuling, messages which have been passed through the lines around the mountain resort state that all foreign residents are safe and well.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLANES DROP LEAFLETS

Shanghai, Feb. 8.

Foreigners still residing in Kuling, and cut off by Chinese irregulars, were greatly alarmed on Tuesday, when Japanese planes dropped leaflets informing them that Japanese troops would attack the Chinese irregulars surrounding Kuling within the next few days.

The Japanese ultimatum expires on February 10.—Trans-Occan.

President's State Visit To London

London, Feb. 7.

During his State visit to London, the President of the French Republic, and Madame Lebrun, will attend a reception by the London County Council at the County Hall, and will have an opportunity to inspect the exhibition commemorating the Council's Jubilee.

In announcing the visit, which will be made on March 22, the Chairman of the Council said the council and people of London would be greatly honoured by the visit which so happily occurred during the Council's Jubilee celebrations, and which furnished such striking evidence of the ties of friendship, not only between the two great cities, of Paris and London, but also between Britain and France.—British Wireless.

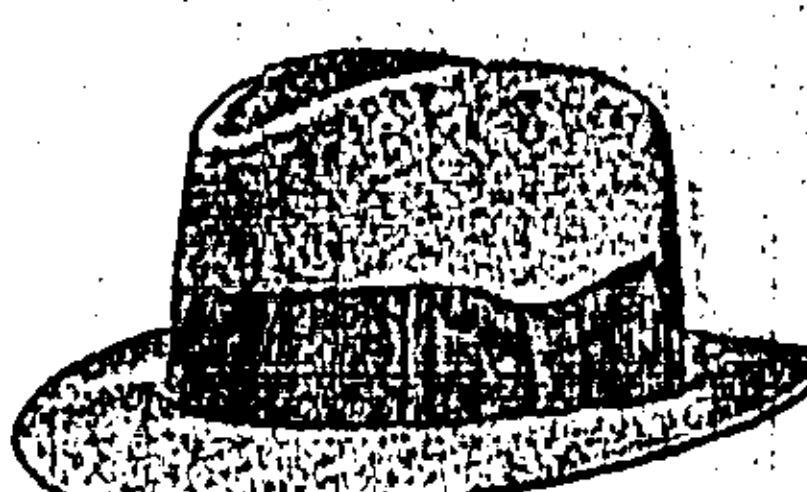
Guerillas Stop Rail Traffic

Peking, Feb. 7.

Railway traffic between Peking and Tientsin has been interrupted by the blowing up of a bridge near the town of Tientsin, which occurred last month.

Damage to the bridge was caused by Japanese troops.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

Dramatic French Plea For Peace In Europe

PARIS, Feb. 7.

REFERRING TO FRANCE'S relations with America, M. Georges Bonnet to-day said that during the past few weeks they had maintained close contact with the American Government, which understood them well.

He added: "Our three democracies are conscious of their material and moral force; they know their place on earth and in history; they know their economic power, and they know that no nation can impose its politics on them; but this friendship does not constitute, and does not want to constitute, a menace to anybody."

"It desires only peace and the development of three large nations. No nation, large or small, can think that these three nations hold any hostility towards them."

Some of the money may be used for refugees going to Palestine, and some for the Refugees' Institute in Prague, and for reconstruction.

It was commensurate to provide an opportunity to improve the road system. They could not guarantee that no military formation would ever pass over the roads, but the road would not be built with a military object with this particular money.—Reuter Special.

ASSURANCE TO GERMANY

Referring to Herr Hitler's statement of January 30, that Germany did not want to export National Socialism, Mr. Bonnet said: "We can also give the same assurance. Democracies have no intention of using propaganda, still less aggression."

The Foreign Minister said that he spared no effort to dispel the misunderstanding between Italy and France, and he expressed the belief that the will of the two peoples invited Franco-Italian friendship.

"I cannot imagine Italy committing an act of aggression against France," he said. "The two nations are linked by blood, language, and culture."

"THAT GREAT FRIEND"

M. Bonnet stressed that the Government could not see any foreign Government threatening Spanish integrity. Italy had assured Britain that she has no territorial aims in Spain, and France simply wanted to see that such an undertaking was kept.

M. Bonnet referred to the suggestions made during the past few weeks that the Franco-British entente was not so close as it seemed, and added: "I leave the reply to Mr. Chamberlain, that great faithful friend of our country."

M. Bonnet then quoted, amidst prolonged cheers, Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, and added: "No doubt you understand the full meaning of this declaration."

All parties, except the Socialists, cheered when M. Bonnet ceased speaking.—Reuter.

Mr. B. W. Simmons, of the Hongkong Telephone Company, has reported that his motor car, No. 644, was stolen from where it had been parked at Statue Square yesterday.

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MALAYA AND NAVY RUGGER FIFTEENS



Above are the players who took part in the rugby match between the Malaya R.U. and the Royal Navy on the Club ground at Happy Valley yesterday. The visitors won a hard-fought encounter by 17 points to six after leading 12-3 at the interval. The Malaya players are in white and the Navy men in black jerseys.—Photo by Mee Cheung.

MAGNIFICENT FORWARD PLAY GIVES MALAYA RUGGER WIN

Tourists Improve In Game with The Navy

(By 'Fly-Half')

Anyone who saw the Malaysians last Saturday and who saw them again yesterday must have appreciated the wonderful improvement all round. Due to injuries, the visitors had to field forwards as wing three-quarters and everyone will grant that Proctor and Bourne did wonderfully well.

The Malayan forwards yesterday played twice as well as on Saturday and their clearing of any and every ball paid them no end. Not one kick ahead, whether misdirected or intentional, took place but what were seen two or three forwards streaking after it, and generally they caught the Navy man in possession.

The score of 17 points to six in favour of Malaya gives a good indication of the general run of play.

Simpson, the scrum-half, was once more the key-man. He gave Talbot room enough to pass and no more. The latter was in no way to blame for his side's downfall, for he did as well as he was allowed.

SKELTON SHINES

Outside of Talbot, the only other Navy three who looked like scoring was Skelton. On any occasion he was in possession, he looked dangerous. It was from a cleverly hesitating side-step by him that Navy scored their first try, and he caught every Malaya three on the wrong foot. After side-stepping his man, he sent the ball straight through to pass to Askwith when confronted by Stevens.

Hardwick, who came up here nursing injuries both in his shoulders and right knee, turned out at full back in the place of Harper, the visitors' captain. He played a clean safe game. Seldom did his kick go astray whereas his fielding was sure. Stevens, the Navy man, caught the ball all right but in attempting to gain much ground, seldom made touch.

Askwith was given very little chance and on more than one occasion he had to take the ball at his feet and knock-ons resulted. Thomas, outside on the right, seldom saw the ball in attack and the same may be said in respect of Lt. Spittle.

A FINE TRY

Ewart, at stand-off half for Malaya, played a fine game. Few will forget his clean interception when the score stood at 12-3. The game was in the Navy half when the defenders heeled and Talbot's pass to Elliott was nicely taken by Ewart five yards from the line. He had scored before anyone knew what had taken place. His kicking was extraordinarily good, especially in the stage when Hardwick was injured and had to leave the field. Lt. J. E. P. Pierce, playing for the first time in local rugby circles, let very few men past him but what there was a kick ahead. He on his part used the short punt to advantage.

Proctor a forward, was played on the wing for the Malaysians and during the time Hardwick was off, played at inside three with success. Bourne, another forward, had to fill a vacancy on the other wing and did extremely well.

One thing was noticed above all in this game and that was that whenever the ball was a forward was always in the offing. No kick ahead was made without two or three forwards following up closely. They generally got the man in possession, and this was the factor which won the Malaysians the game. Any kind of kick had, McHugh or McLellan after

it, not to speak of Mackenzie. The last-mentioned had one very good attempt at a good kick from a penalty, the ball just striking the upright and rebounding into play.

Roualle and both the McCalls did very well in the line-outs, although they appeared to think that their job over after they had caught it. Often they caught it and brought it down to their feet and left it at that. Darling ably assisted by Anderson did good work amongst the Navy forwards and although they were beaten all-round, were by no means to blame.

THE SCORING

Simpson put Malaya in the lead within 20 minutes of the kick-off by a cleverly-taken dropped goal. Then Skelton broke through to pass to Askwith who had a clear field before him to run through and score. Elliott failed to convert.

McKenzie then went over for Malaya but failed to bring out full points.

Bourne next went over for the visitors for an unconverted try. Askwith replied for the Navy with a try which was not converted.

Ewart intercepted in fine style to score between the posts. McKenzie converted.

Teams:
J. A. R. Selby refereed the game, and the teams were:
Malaya—J. L. B. Hardwick, J. H. Proctor, A. P. Crane, J. P. Pierce, P. Bourne, J. W. Ewart, P. W. Simpson; D. McBride, H. I. McLellan, R. W. McCall, J. F. M. Roualle, McCall, L. F. McKenzie, A. H. Harding, J. M. McHugh, Navy—Pay L. Stevens (captain), P. O. Thomas (captain), P. O. Thomas (captain), Lt. Skelton (captain), Pay, L. Spittle (captain), Lt. W. Elliott (captain), Lt. Talbot (captain), Lt. Sen. Roman (captain), Lt. S. L. (A) Hain (captain), Lt. Hodgkinson (captain), Lt. Darling (captain), Lt. Griffiths (captain), Lt. Anderson (captain).

Cricket

Len Hutton Scores A Fine Century Rain Interferes With Match

Bulawayo, Feb. 7.
Rain interfered with the match between the M.C.C. tourists and Rhodesia, and there was only sufficient time for the teams to bat one innings each.

The M.C.C. declared at 307 for five wickets. Hutton scored 145 in a knock which was featured by grand driving and cutting. He was at the wicket for 100 minutes, and with Ames, who scored 47, added 118 for the fourth wicket.

Rhodesia were all out for 242, Mansel being top-scorer with 62. Wright took four wickets for 64 runs.—Reuter.

FLANAGAN UNABLE TO GET LEAVE

Miami, Feb. 1.
Ralph Flanagan, one of America's outstanding swimmers, will not be able to participate in championship events at Honolulu even if he receives an invitation from the Hawaiian group, Steven Forsyth, his coach, said today.

Forsyth explained that his protégé would be unable to accept the offer to swim against leading Japanese swimmers because of the fact that he would not be able to obtain leave of absence from the University of Texas. The university would not grant him permission to leave since his departure for Honolulu would interfere with his studies. Thus a good event will not take place.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

At Happy Valley to-day Club "A" will play Royal Engineers. The Club side is—J. T. Brown, K. A. Munro, D. B. Nelson, E. M. Watts, H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Carruthers, R. Rutherford, G. L. Oliphant (captain), J. F. Burford, W. Stoker, B. O'M. Deane, J. Moodie, K. H. G. White, W. A. Johnson, P. Welch.

THIRD WIN IN WOMEN'S GOLF TILT

Filipino Girl Too Good For Her Foreign Rivals

Manila, Feb. 4.
Dominga Capati, hefty Filipino golfer from the Calamba Sugar Estate in Canlubang, captured her third Philippine open golf championship in the running yesterday at the Manila Golf Course in Caloocan, defeating a field that included the best women getting talent from Manila, Cavite and Stotsenburg. She toured the Caloocan course in 182 for the final 36 holes for an aggregate of 333 for the 72-hole competition, finishing 30 strokes ahead of her closest rival, Mrs. F. E. Chambers of Cavite.

Miss Capati shot the best round of the tournament yesterday morning when she posted a 79 for the morning 18 holes, she finished the outgoing nine in 39 and the incoming nine in 40 for a 79. In the final 18 holes she shot an 83.

LED ALL THE WAY

Leading by nine strokes at the conclusion of the first two rounds, the Canlubang golfer turned on the heat in the final 36 holes. Her 79 for the morning 18 was 10 strokes better than Mrs. Chambers' 89 which was second best for the morning and her 83 for the final 18 was 12 strokes better than Mrs. E. J. Sanders' 89 which was second best for the afternoon round.

In the morning round, Miss Capati shot a birdie three on No. 8 and shot 10 pars. She had nine pars on the last 18.

Following the concluding matches cups were presented to Miss Capati and Mrs. Chambers as winner and runner-up, respectively. Mrs. E. J. Sanders of Manila finished third with an aggregate score of 365.

Following are the complete scores of the championship competition:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Dominga Capati | 82 | 89 | 79 | 83 | 333 |
| F. E. Chambers | 89 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 366 |
| E. J. Sanders | 91 | 91 | 94 | 83 | 369 |
| L. A. Hathaway | 99 | 93 | 90 | 93 | 375 |
| L. A. Hirsman | 103 | 99 | 94 | 83 | 379 |
| D. F. Walker | 101 | 97 | 98 | 89 | 385 |
| C. H. Hewitt | 99 | 100 | 94 | 93 | 386 |
| C. F. Maynard | 103 | 93 | 99 | 97 | 392 |

Miss Dorothy Paget's Luck Now Turning

London, Jan. 23.

After experiencing a lean period with her horses, the luck of Miss Dorothy Paget has taken a very welcome turn, the triple triumph she enjoyed at Newbury on January 20 being augmented when Silve Mish achieved a most stylish victory in the Berkshire Hurdle on the 21st January. Silve Mish had impressed when making his debut at Sandown Park, so much so that, in one of the best betting races of the season, he was favourite. All the way round Mince had Silve Mish in proximity to the leaders. Now Reed and Goy were making no attempt to go into the lead until between the last two hurdles. Wargrave II was in the rear for the first half of the journey. Headway was then made, and in the straight he began to rapidly over-haul the leaders.

Going to the final obstacle Silve Mish and Wargrave II dominated the position, their jockeys riding with supreme confidence. Wargrave II came the better out of the jump, his rival making a slight peck on landing. Silve Mish was smartly balanced, and at once there began a keen struggle between him and Wargrave II. Head and head they fought on until the last 50 yards, when Silve Mish began to assert himself and win cleverly.—Our Own Correspondent.

SAILORS ESTABLISH BIG LEAD IN LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUE

SHANGHAI SOCCER TEAM EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE

Sequel To Fight On Field

Shanghai, Feb. 3.
Drastic action was taken by the Committee of the Shanghai Football Association yesterday when the Kwang Lou football team and all its members were barred from further competition and their records in the Third Division and Cup Competitions struck out because of a fist fight last Sunday afternoon at Kiaochow Park where they met the Public and Thomas Hanbury School in a "Tee" Limg Cup encounter. The game, it will be recalled, had to be abandoned about ten minutes before the finish when the players on both teams traded blows. Play was thus interrupted but after the situation had been pacified the Chinese side refused to carry on.

One of the School players was the first to fight but he was illegally tripped, causing severe injury to his knee. Kwang Lou, according to eyewitnesses, resorted to rough play as soon as they sensed defeat, being about ten minutes before the finish when the players on both teams traded blows. Play was thus interrupted but after the situation had been pacified the Chinese side refused to carry on.

Two players of the P.T.U. team, however, received grave caution from the S.F.A. These decisions were made yesterday afternoon when the Committee met in their weekly meeting in the office of the Secretary, Mr. Max Spiller. Official notice in regard to the case will be sent out to-day.

No Guarantee, No U.S. Trip, Says Cotton Golfer Stands By £2,000 Demand

By F. J. C. Pignoni

London, Jan. 11.
Henry Cotton denies a report from New York that he has agreed to play in the Masters' tournament at Augusta in March next.

"I may go to America for about two months this spring, and if I do the Masters' tournament will be one of the events in which I shall play, but I do not intend to make the journey much as I would like to do so unless my fee is guaranteed."

"If American promoters wish me to play in their tournaments, they must guarantee me a minimum of £2,000 for the tour. So far I have received many promises, but no definite guarantee. The offer is still open."

Cotton, who is probably the greatest drawing card in golf to-day, would undoubtedly attract big gate money in America.

"Cotton could get more than £2,000 from gate money," says America, but Cotton does not mean to take any chances, but to insist that his six-weeks trip shall be remunerative.

George Jacobus, the president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, told a Reuter correspondent that his association were unable to offer any guarantee apart from one for travelling and expenses.

The next move is with America, Cotton is willing to accept an exhibition game in this country, and matches in March and April, but he will return in good time for the Open

Defeat Middlesex By Odd Goal After Fine Match

Already five points ahead of their nearest rivals before the match started, the Royal Navy drew further away in the First Division of the Football League yesterday when they defeated Middlesex by the odd goal in three after a hard-fought game. As a result of this victory, the sailors are now seven points in the lead.

Yesterday's match was fast and exciting. Once again the Sailors' well-knit defence was prominent in the way in which it kept out the Middlesex forwards and enabled their own wing-back to concentrate solely on attack. And the opportunity came a few minutes from the interval when Thoburn broke through twice to give the Navy a two-goal lead at the change-over.

Actually, of course, the sailors were fortunate to lead by such a margin at half-time. The Middlesex players and had as much of the game, but they were prevented from scoring by the splendid work of Newby, Still and Dixon, who were definitely on top of the Middlesex attack. Nevertheless, the Midds had only themselves to blame on several occasions when they did break through, they had the goal-scoring chances, but did not make use of them.

DIXON BRILLIANT

Dixon, the Navy centre-half, celebrated his selection for the Interport team with another fine display, proving an obstacle which Tait, the Middlesex centre-forward, could never circumvent. Furthermore, he started many movements with judicious passes to his forwards, who could not complain of not being fed with the right passes.

Honeywell, another Interport selection, and Fisher, the two Navy wing-halves, contributed their share to a reliable defence, and at back Newby's first-time clearances and Still's determined tackling always succeeded whenever the halves failed.

tribute must also be paid to the Middlesex defence, which was also in good working order. It was just as well for the soldiers that Sheehan, Freshwater, Thomas and Wilkinson were on top of their form, especially Sheehan, who often relieved pressure when his partner, Cooper, became shaky. The forwards, however, did not appear in the same favourable light.

QUICK GOALS

Exchanges were fairly even for the majority of the first half, but five minutes from the whistle Thoburn scored twice. Honours in the second half went to the Middlesex team, which pressed for long periods without result until Marable, receiving from Pearson, scored to reduce the deficit.

Although the soldiers tried hard to get on even terms, the solid defence of the Navy kept them out, and the game ended with the sailors winning by the odd goal.

Teams:
Navy—Dickens; Newby, Still; Honeywell, Dixon, Fisher; Armstrong, Morrill, MacVicar, Thoburn and Hunt.

Middlesex—Jackson; Cooper, Sheehan; Freshwater, Thomas, Wilkinson; Pearson, Courtney, Tait, Saw and Marable.

Cotton is probably the most highly paid professional in golf at present. He charges 50 guineas for an exhibition game in this country, and gets it, so that his demand for what appears to be a substantial sum for a six-weeks tour is not unreasonable.

Javanese In Manila Tennis Final

Samboedjo Defeats Leonardo Gavia

Manila, Feb. 3.
Samboedjo Hoerip, champion and No. 1 ranking player of Java, outsmarted and outplayed Leonardo Gavia, the Philippines' No. 1 ace, in the upper bracket semi-final match of 1939 P. I. International men's tennis singles championship yesterday afternoon at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Stadium. The local ace, who cumbered to the visitor in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 10-8.

Hoerip played a steady game and caught Gavia flat-footed on many well-placed shots to the sides and to the baseline. Gavia played his usual fast and aggressive game, but every time he rushed to the net Hoerip outsmarted him with lobs and cross-court shots.

Gavia was completely outclassed in the first two sets. In the third set, he put up a dogged battle only to lose after the set was extended to 10 games. Gavia led, 4-2, in the third set, but Hoerip rallied, tied the score at 4-4 and took the lead when Gavia lost his service in the ninth. Gavia deuced it at 5-4, and from then on it was a bitter battle with the two players matching wits. Gavia led at 6-5, 7-6, and 8-7, but Hoerip would not give in, and always came back to tie the score. Hoerip tied the count at 8-8 and then annexed two games in a row to win set and match.

In the lower bracket semi-final, Felicimo Ampon, No. 3 ranking player, eliminated Juan Ladaw, ranking No. 4 player, in four sets, 6-1, 6-2, 5-7, and 8-6.

MORE RAPID QUALIFICATION RECOMMENDED

After discussing a circular sent out to the counties by M.C.C. the committee of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club decided to recommend to M.C.C. that classes of cricketers deserving of more rapid qualification than at present allowed are:

- (1) Amateurs on leave from abroad;
- (2) Undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge Universities;
- (3) Players not re-engaged by their present counties;
- (4) Young professionals who have made few or no appearances in county cricket.

Northamptonshire suggest that all subjects should, however, be subject to the existing rule which enforces that there should first be an approach to the players' present counties.

R. P. Nelson has accepted an invitation to continue as Northamptonshire's captain.

The Times Testimonial Fund realised £302 13s. 9d.

CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN SHANGHAI INTERPORT RUGGER FIFTEEN

Shanghai, Feb. 7.

The Shanghai rugby team as selected, according to local sporting circles, represents a very well-balanced side and if it is not quite as strong as previous Shanghai fifteens there is no reason to believe it won't do well in the Colony.

The pack is more than useful and Hongkong may find it in vain against a side of very determined forwards. Spectators who watched the Club side XV, which is almost the same as the Shanghai team, against the combined Services team about a month ago, commented on how magnificently the forwards played and if the same form can be produced against the Colony local sporting circles declare that there is little doubt that the home team will be hard put to it to get the backs moving.

It is trusted that the Shanghai outsiders will show more thrust and finish in their work. In recent weeks they have played well, but general inertia in rounding out movements cost them many points. That they have the ability to play first-class rugby is not doubted but unless they decide to put their best foot forward from the start they may find themselves in several tight spots. The Shanghai team is due to leave for Hongkong on Sunday morning for the Tai Sang and is expected to return on February 24 or 25.

The team-chosen is as follows:
—W. H. B. Rigg; P. J. A. Innes, A. G. White, R. F. Aucott, J. M. Hutchison, G. M. Mills, R. Laird, W. D. Pearson, J. E. Burford, R. A. G. Kane, R. O. J. Stewart, R. U. Reynolds, A. M. Kennedy (captain), G. H. Reynolds and J. R. M. Warner. The reserves are J. W. M. Martin and R. H. Roe.—Reuter.



The successful runner down from H.M.S. Eagle which won the "Adventure" Cup by beating H.M.S. Medway last Saturday. Left, Elliott, captain of the team, is seen holding the cup.—Staff Photographer.

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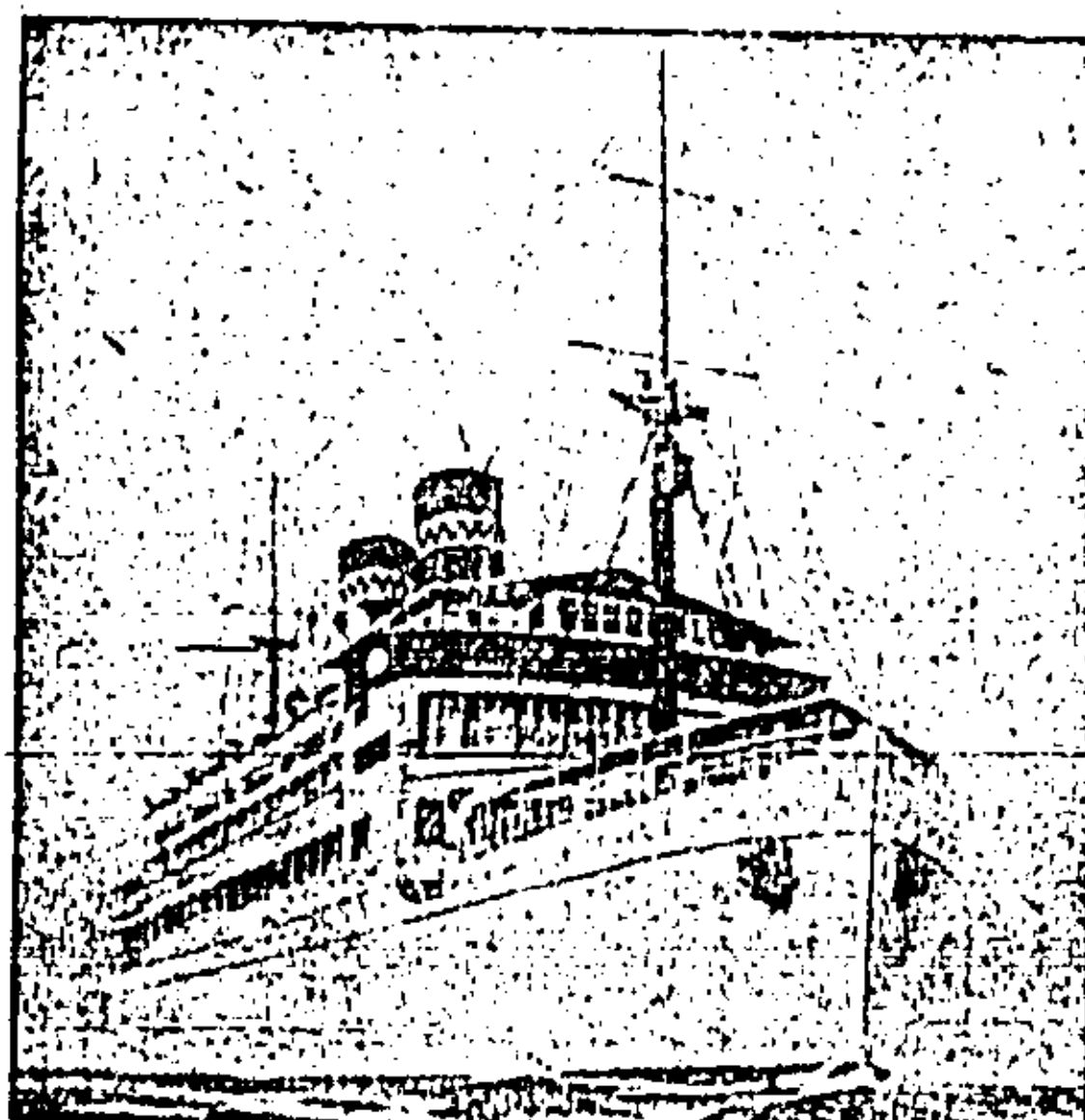
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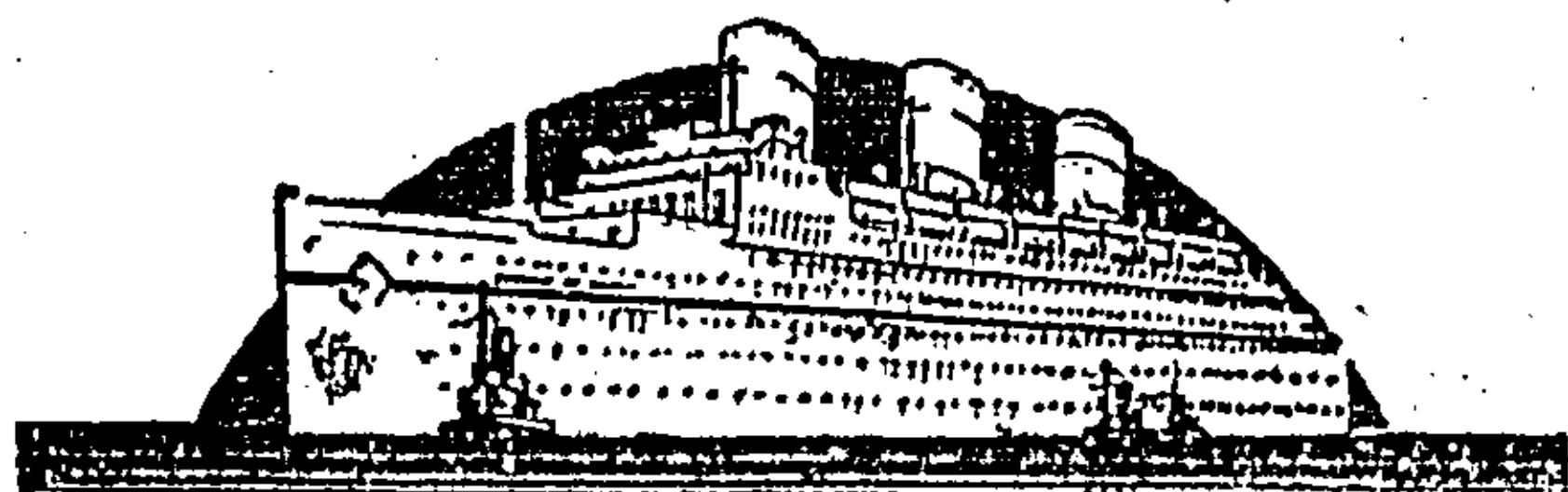
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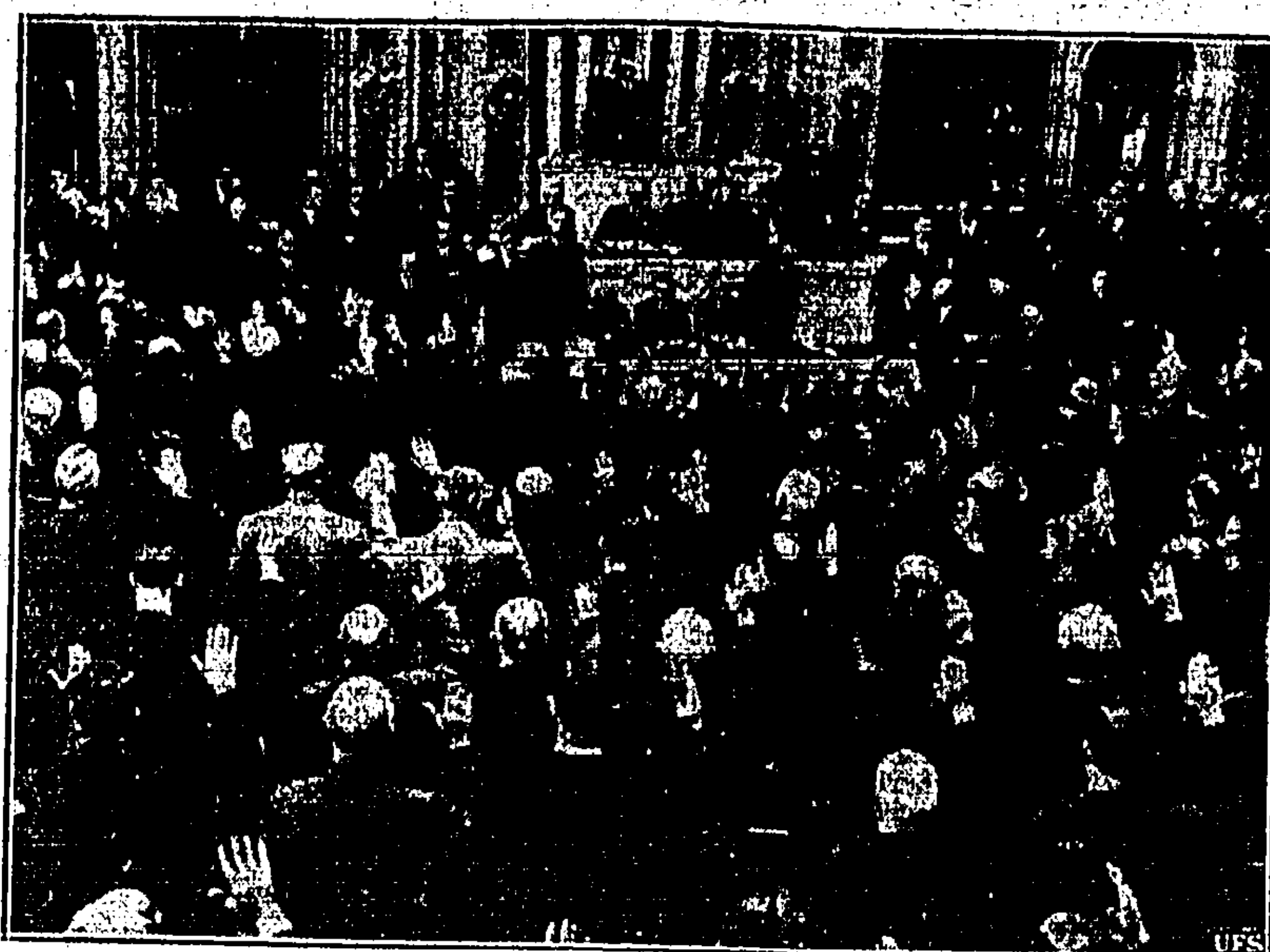
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PHOTONEWS



This is the scene in the House of Representatives in Washington, as Speaker William D. Bankhead gave the oath to members of the 76th Congress. A spirit of independence not apparent in Congress for six years was clearly seen by political observers, who predicted that many hard-fought battles will punctuate the coming sessions. The session shown above was only 30 minutes long, but a special committee submitted a report indicting the present system of unemployment relief.



Recently farmer Fred Smith, right, discovered oil on his farm near St. Elmo, Ill., and sold a lease for \$50,000, with an excellent royalty forthcoming on the oil it produces. So Mr. Smith went out and bought seven automobiles, one for each of his six children and one for himself and his wife. That's his son Harold with him, at left.



Charming June Clyde, British screen and stage actress, tries out the latest of sports, snow-scootering, while spending a vacation at St. Moritz, Switzerland. One of her playmates in the famed winter resort has been Count Curt Haugwitz-Reventlow, divorced husband of the former Barbara Hutton, five-and-dime heiress.



Yoshimiko Kawashima, Manchurian princess known as the "Mata Hari of Japan," the nation's clearest spy, shot and killed in Tientsin by Chinese patriots, according to a report from Chungking, China. Killers were believed to have trailed her from Hongkong where she had met Japanese leaders in connection with plans to set up a new Japanese Central Government in China. She was the daughter of Prince Su of the old Chinese court.

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London, Feb. 7.

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The new flag shows, on a blue field, the Union Jack in the top left corner and on the right half a peacock in natural colours, set in a circle of gold. The peacock design is taken from silver coins issued in 1932, during the reign of King Mindon. Since then it has come to be regarded as the national emblem of Burma.—Trans-Ocean.

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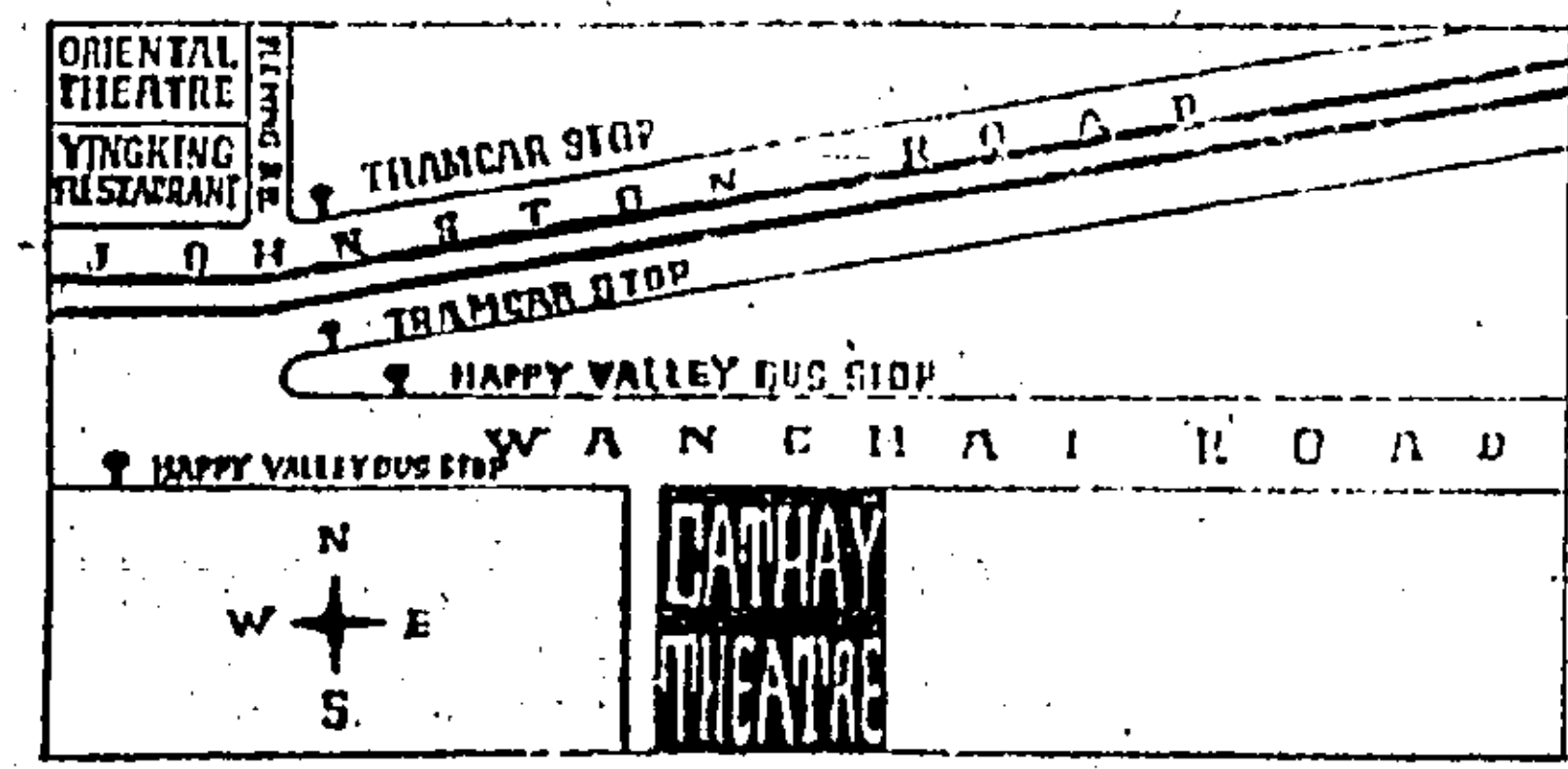


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THE EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY adjournment of the House of Commons yesterday prevented crystallisation of parliamentary opinion regarding Mr. Chamberlain's declaration of British solidarity with France.

Chiang's Grip Tightened

Appointed President Of New Council

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7.
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that the Central Executive Committee has elected Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President of the Supreme National Defence Council, which is the highest organ in war-time China, co-ordinating party, military, and Government affairs.

It is stated that the Council will comprise 60 members, and 11 "Standing Members," whose meeting forms the Council's presidium. It is added that the eleven standing members are the Presidents of the five Yuan of the National Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the President and vice-President of the General Staff of the National Government, and three members of the standing committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

It is also stated that the standing committee to-day appointed General Chang Chun as secretary-general of the Supreme National Defence Council.—United Press.

SUPREME COUNCIL

Chungking, Feb. 8.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is concurrently President of the Supreme National Defence Council organised in accordance with a resolution of the Fifth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee held recently.

General Chang Chun is Secretary-General of the Council.

Under the Council is a Standing Committee of eleven members who are the Presidents of the five Yuan, namely, Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Control, and Examination, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Chief and Vice-Chief of the Board of General Staff, and three members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee as well as all members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee may attend conferences of the Council.—Central News.

Besides members of this Standing Committee, all other members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee as well as all members of the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee may attend conferences of the Council.—Central News.

Police Clear Up Robberies

Over \$1,150 in stolen property was recovered by the Police following the arrest of two men in an opium den in Reclamation Street yesterday. The two men, Tsui Man, 33, and Yuen Eong, 27, both unemployed, appeared before Mr. E. Hinesworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with breaking into the Chow Ngai Factory in Pakpo Street on January 19.

Both men pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to six months' hard labour each. A further charge of breach of a deportation order was preferred against Yuen. He was given 12 months on this charge, the sentences to be concurrent.

Detective Sergeant Cochane prosecuted, and said the men had broken the glass of the factory to gain entrance. Once inside, they had opened the inside doors with skeleton keys. The two men were arrested on information in an opium den, and later took detectives to an unnumbered hut in Kowloon City where \$1,150 in stolen property was recovered. The two men also admitted that they sold about \$15 of the goods in the streets.

To-day, opinion was readily available, and it was obvious from the comments of representative men of all sections of the House of Commons that the declaration received general approval.

In effect, the various opinions expressed are that in view of the doubts which appear still to exist in some countries regarding the attitude of the British Government in the circumstances envisaged in yesterday's question, Mr. Chamberlain's announcement had to be made without further delay and in the opinion of some, it was months overdue.

DEMOCRACY'S LINE-UP

The view is taken by nearly all parliamentarians that the statement is a proper complement to the more definite clarification of American opinion which has been visible lately.

The Labour opposition go even further, and urge that a step should be taken to secure closer relations between all the democratic nations, especially with the United States.

Widespread satisfaction is expressed that this gesture has been made to France now, and the strengthening of relations with France is consequently treated as an inevitable result.

In Government back-bench quarters, which recently have been highly critical of the Government's policy, there is an unqualified chorus of approval.

OPPOSITION APPLAUDS

The best evidence that the statement had a substantially good parliamentary effect is found in the decision of the opposition not to pursue the matter for the present.

Recently they had been pursuing every Government declaration with the greatest energy.—Reuter.

Counsel Ill

Owing to the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, leading Counsel for the defence, being ill, the hearing of the \$30,000 insurance claim brought by the Cheong Shing Hong firm against the China Underwriters Ltd., which was to have resumed this morning, did not take place. The case has been adjourned indefinitely.

German Lady Fined

Emilie Thurner, 31-year-old German woman, residing at Fanling, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to report her arrival within 48 hours to the police.

Mrs. Thurner arrived here on the Haruna Maru on January 30, and went to report her arrival in the Colony yesterday.

She said that when she left Shanghai, no one told her about reporting to the authorities upon her arrival here.

LATE NEWS

Reprieve For Kuling Refugees

TOKYO, Feb. 8.
Japanese Foreign Office revealed this morning that favourable reply had been sent to request by British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr, that time limit for Kuling evacuation, expiring on Friday, should be extended.

Japanese reply points out that although no definite commitments could be given regarding tactical operations of Japanese troops, Japanese authorities will extend time for evacuation.

Japan also promises that measures will be taken for establishment of contact with refugees at Kuling. Britain's request for extension was coupled with information that it was impossible to arrange evacuation before ultimatum expired.

Japan's reply has been communicated to America, Germany, Norway and other foreign authorities.—Domei.

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British Credits To China

London, Feb. 7.
Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he was in a position to make a further statement about the granting of additional credits to facilitate trade with China, and whether steps are to be taken within the scope of the Export Credit Bill, or in addition to the new powers sought,

Italo-Soviet Pact

Rome, Feb. 7.
An Italian-Soviet commercial treaty was signed this evening, but the terms are not disclosed.—Reuter.

therein, Mr. R. S. Hudson said he was not in a position to make a further statement.

The scope of the Exports Guarantee Bill depends on the circumstances of the particular case.—Reuter.

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